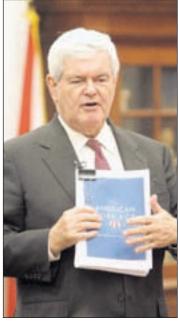


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# 'Class Warfare'

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WASHINGTON - Republicans on Sunday decried
the notion of a new mini-



Republican presidential candidate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich makes comments, while holding a copy of the President Barack Obama's American Jobs Act, in Orlando, Fla. Republicans on Sunday decried the notion of a new minimum tax rate for millionaires as "class warfare."

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

mum tax rate for millionaires as "class warfare," saying the proposal by President Barack Obama may be intended to portray congressional Republicans who resist it as being callously indifferent to the hardships facing many Americans.

Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said the tax proposal, which Obama is expected to unveil on Monday, would also weigh heavily on a stagnating economy.

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# Palestinian UN bid has diplomats scrambling



The Quartet Representative Tony Blair, left, High Representative for the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton, center, and Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Daniel Ayalon, greet each other before a meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC), the donor support group for the Palestinian on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 at United Nations headquarters.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

### **BRADLEY KLAPPER**Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With a tense week ahead for the future of the Middle East, the United States and Europe scrambled Sunday for a strategy that would help

avoid a jarring showdown over whether to admit an independent Palestine as a new United Nations member. Instead, they sought to guide Israel and the Palestinians back into the tough bargaining on a

long-sought peace agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton discussed the current trajectory in New York, in which the Palestinian plan to gain statehood and membership at the U.N. would run headfirst into an American yeto in

into an American veto in the Security Council, and possible Israeli recriminations.

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# Plane in US crash had made 'radical' changes to compete



A P-51 Mustang airplane crashes into the edge of the grandstands at the Reno Air show on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 in Reno Nevada. The World War II-era fighter plane flown by a veteran Hollywood stunt pilot Jimmy Leeward plunged Friday into the edge of the grandstands during the popular air race creating a horrific scene strewn with smoking debris.

(AP Photo/Ward Howes)

### BRIAN SKOLOFF MARTIN GRIFFITH Associated Press

**RENO, Nevada (AP)** — The World War II-era plane that plummeted into an airrace crowd like a missile bore little resemblance to its original self.

It was rebuilt for speed, if not for stability.

The 65-year-old "Galloping Ghost" underwent years of massive overhauls that took a full 10 feet (3 meters) off its wingspan. The ailerons — the back edges of the main wings used to control balance — were cut from about 60 inches (152 centimeters) to 32 inches (80 centimeters).

Pilot Jimmy Leeward had said the changes made the P-51 Mustang faster and more maneuverable, but in the months before Friday's crash even he wasn't certain exactly how it would perform.

"I know it'll do the speed," he said in a podcast uploaded to YouTube in June. "The systems aren't proven yet. We think they're going to be OK."

Investigators don't yet know what caused the plane to pitch sharply into the crowd at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, killing nine people, including Leeward, and injuring dozens. They have focused on the "elevator trim tab" — a piece of the tail that helps the aircraft maintain lift and appeared to break off before the crash.

In the highly competitive, bravado-filled world of air

racing, pilots go for broke on the ground and in the sky, hitting speeds of 500 mph (805 kph). Leeward is the 20th pilot to die at the air races since they began 47 years ago, but Friday's crash was the first in which spectators were killed.

"Pilots are a special breed of confident, intelligent, driven perfectionists," said Ken Quick, a commercial airline pilot and a crew member for one of the teams that raced Friday. "They know what they do is dangerous and demanding, and they eagerly embrace both."

Leeward's own website alludes to the dangers — and bragging rights.

"These guys are always on the edge knowing one wrong move, in one split second, could mean the end," the Leeward Air Ranch Racing Team website says. "NASCAR at 200 mph? Indy at 230 mph? Top Fuel at 300 mph? Mere Childs play. Welcome to the Big League."

In the podcast, Leeward called some of the changes "extremely radical," compared some to systems on the space shuttle and explained that he had increased the plane's speed capabilities to be more like those of a modern fighter jet.

"To control the airplane in the wind, and in different circumstances if anything happens, you need those types of speeds. You need jet speeds," he said.

Leeward was rounding a bend at dizzying speeds Friday when his plane took an oddly upward pitch, narrowly missing the packed grandstand. It then twirled just a few hundred feet off the ground and nose-dived into a section of VIP box seats, blasting out a 3-footdeep, 8-foot-wide crater in a hail of metal, chairs and body parts.

Noah Joraanstad was blown off his feet as he tried to run away. Shrapnel hit his back, and he was covered in aviation fuel that burned his skin as spectators tried to wash it off.

From his bed Sunday at Northern Nevada Medical Center, where nine stitches were put in his head, Joraanstad said that when he looked back at the wreck, the plane was just gone.

# Diplomats scramble ahead of Palestinian UN bid

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Yet there was no apparent and immediate solution to the many problems that have hindered Mideast peace efforts for months. Diplomats were working feverishly as part of an increasingly desperate effort to guide the two parties back into direct negotiations, but were tight-lipped on whether the slim chances for a breakthrough were improving.

"We are meeting to talk about the way forward," Clinton said as she shook hands with Ashton in a New York hotel. She declined to say if mediators were making progress.

The Palestinians are frustrated by their inability to win from Israel concessions such as a freeze on settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. And with violence out of the guestion and bilateral talks with Israel failing, they see the U.N. route as the only viable route for progress in the short term. To address the Palestinian concerns, Western officials were discussing the possibility of including some timeframes, however vague, in any statement put out by the Mideast peace mediators — the U.S., EU, U.N. and Russia known as the Quartet, officials said. These would focus on the restart of Israeli-Palestinian talks and signs of tangible progress. Envoys from all four gathered Sunday in New York and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met with Quartet envoy Tony Blair.

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# Republicans call Obama's tax on millionaires 'class warfare'

#### **Continued from front**

"It adds further instability to our system, more uncertainty, and it punishes job creation," Ryan said on "Fox News Sunday." "Class warfare may make for really good politics, but it makes for rotten economics." The pushback from Republicans - Ryan was not the only one to use the words "class warfare" was in response to a report that Obama would call for a new minimum tax rate for individuals making more than \$1 million a year to ensure that they pay at least the same percentage of their earnings as middleincome taxpayers.

With a special joint congressional committee starting work on a bipartisan budget deal, the proposal adds a new and populist feature to Obama's effort to raise the political pressure on Republicans to agree to higher revenues from the wealthy in return for Democrats' support of future cuts to Medicare and Medicaid.

Indeed, Sen. Richard J. Durbin, a Democrat who is the senior senator from Illinois, took direct aim at the Republican Speaker of the House when he said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union": "I wonder if John Boehner knows what it sounds like when he continues to say the position of the Republican Party in America is you can't impose one more penny in taxes on the wealthiest people. I wonder if he understands how that sounds in Ohio, where people are struggling paycheck to paycheck." Durbin said that taxes should be raised on "those who are wealthy and comfortable and wouldn't even notice it."

Obama, in a bit of political salesmanship, plans to call his proposal the "Buffett Rule," in a reference to Warren E. Buffett, the billionaire investor who has complained repeatedly that the richest Americans generally pay a smaller share of their income in federal taxes than do middle-income workers because investment gains are taxed at a lower rate than wages. The Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said Sunday that there was "bipartisan opposition to what the president is recommending" because it would slow growth in difficult times.

Still, "if Warren Buffett would like to give up some of his benefits, we'd be happy to talk about it," he said on the NBC News program "Meet the Press" before adding, a bit more seriously, that Republicans were ready to consider meanstesting as part of broader reforms to the big entitlement programs – meaning that the well-to-do would receive less.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who was among those to speak of "class warfare," suggested on CNN that the proposed tax would bring in far less revenue than the administration has implied. Graham said that raising



Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., speaks during the California Republican Party Fall Convention dinner in Los Angeles, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

taxes on billionaires and millionaires would add a minimum amount of money to the Treasury to pay off the debt.

Obama will not specify a rate or other details, and it

is unclear how much revenue his plan would raise. But his idea of a millionaires' minimum tax will be prominent in the broad plan for long-term deficit reduction that he will out-

line on Monday. The proposal could invite scrutiny from some economists who have disputed Buffett's assertion that the megarich pay a lower tax rate overall. Two former government economists said Sunday they would like to see a more all-encompassing approach.

The economists, Alice Rivlin, who was director of
the White House Office of
Management and Budget
under President Bill Clinton,
and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin,
who led the Congressional Budget Office during
George W. Bush's presidency, said Obama's proposal
would simply add a complication to a tax code that
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# Police say kidnapped woman found dead in CA

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — Police say a woman who was kidnapped by a parolee has been found dead in a garage in a residential area of San Jose.

Police said Sunday that Paul Ray Castillo is the prime suspect in a violent crime spree that included the death of Cindy Nguyen, whose body was found Saturday morning. The San Jose Mercury News reports Nguyen worked as an office manager and hosted

a radio show on a Vietnamese station.

A manhunt continued Sunday for Castillo, following a rampage Friday that included the shooting of a man at a gas station. The victim's name and condition were not released. He was expected to survive.

jacking her Lexus sedan.

San Jose police spokesman
Jose Garcia says they suspect Castillo killed 60-yearold Nguyen on Friday, after kidnapping her while car-

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# Relatives doubt inquiry in Medal of Honor battle

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Relatives of several U.S. troops killed during a 2009 Afghanistan battle that led to a Medal of Honor award last week are questioning whether some Army officers got off too easy for mistakes that led to the deaths of five American military personnel.

In interviews for CBS' TV news magazine "60 Minutes" on Sunday, the mother of a Marine and the wife of an Army sergeant killed in the September 2009 firefight in the Ganjgal Valley said reprimands given to two Army officers in an internal inquiry were not enough punishment. The inquiry concluded that poor pre-mission planning led to delays in adequate support fire against Taliban forces that had U.S. units pinned down, ast week, President Barack Obama awarded former Marine Dakota Meyer the nation's top military honor for saving 36 lives with repeated charges into Taliban gunfire during the battle.

Susan Price, the mother of Marine Gunnery Sgt. Aaron Kenefick, who died during the firefight, told CBS she was unhappy with official reprimands that followed a 2010 military inquiry into U.S. planning and decisions during the battle.



President Barack Obama awards the Medal of Honor to former Marine Cpl. Dakota Meyer, 23, from Greensburg, Ky,. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Relatives of several U.S. troops killed during a 2009 Afghanistan battle that led to a Medal of Honor award last week are questioning whether some Army officers got off too easy for mistakes that led to the deaths of five American military personnel.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Charlene Westbrook, widow of Army Sgt. Kenneth Westbrook, who died from his wounds after the firefight, said mistakes made during the battle were caused by negligence.

She also criticized the military's follow-up. "These letters of reprimand are just clearly slaps on the wrist," Westbrook said. "These officers need to be courtmartialed."In February

2010, a Joint Task Force of the Afghanistan International Security Assistance Force released findings and recommendations from an investigation into the Ganjgal Valley firefight. During the battle, 100 Afghan security troops and U.S. advisers fought off a force of 100 to 150 Taliban militants. Along with the five U.S. dead — three Marines, the Army sergeant and a Navy corpsman — eight Afghan soldiers and an Afghan interpreter were killed. The inquiry revealed that "appropriate personnel were not involved with the critical pre-mission planning of fire and air support.





# Retiree benefits for the military could face cuts

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As Congress and the Obama administration look to squeeze savings from once-sacrosanct entitlements like Social Security and Medicare, another big social welfare system is growing as rapidly, but with far less scrutiny: the health and pension benefits of military retirees.

Military pensions and health care for active and retired troops now cost the government about \$100 billion a year, representing an expanding portion of both the Pentagon budget – about \$700 billion a year, including war costs – and the national debt, which together finance the programs.

Making even incremental reductions to military benefits is typically a doomed political venture, given the public's broad support

for helping troops, the political potency of veterans groups and the fact that duce the debt and the possibility that the Pentagon might have to begin



Steve Griffin, a former captain who did two tours in Iraq, but left the Army in 2010 after five years of service and thus receives no pension, in Tallahassee, Fla., Sept. 15, 2011. As the Obama administration looks to squeeze savings from entitlements like Social Security and Medicare, another social welfare system is growing as rapidly, but with far less scrutiny: the health and pension benefits of military retirees.

(Colin Hackley/The New York Times)

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But the intense push in Congress this year to re-

trimming core programs like weapons procurement, research, training and construction have suddenly made retiree benefits vulnerable, military officials and experts say.

And if Congress fails to adopt the deficit-reduction recommendations of a bipartisan joint congressional committee this fall, the Defense Department will be required under debt ceiling legislation passed in August to find about \$900 billion in savings over the coming decade. Cuts that deep will almost certainly entail reducing personnel benefits for active and retired troops, Pentagon officials and analysts say.

"We've got to put everything on the table," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said recently on PBS, acknowledging that he was looking at proposals to rein in pension costs.

Under the current rules, ser-

vice members who retire after 20 years are eligible for pensions that pay half their salaries for life, indexed for inflation, even if they leave at age 38.

They are also eligible for lifetime health insurance through the military's system, Tricare, at a small fraction of the cost of private insurance, prompting many working veterans to shun employer health plans in favor of military insurance.

Advocates of revamping the systems argue that they are not just fiscally untenable but also unfair.

The annual fee for Tricare Prime, an HMO-like program for military retirees, is just \$460 for families and has not risen in years, even as health care costs have skyrocketed.

# Republican Mitch Daniels calls for a more honest debate

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WASHINGTON Four months after he decided against jumping into the presidential Republican race, Gov. Mitch Daniels of Indiana says that he has occasionally been frustrated by the discourse in the campaign and that the field could benefit from at least one more contender whose candidacy was rooted in a message of fiscal discipline. Daniels said his party's candidates had a responsibility to conduct a "more candid and honconversation about the nation's financial burdens, particularly Social Security and Medicare.

"Somebody else could still enter and have a competitive chance," Daniels said in a weekend interview. "The candidate I could get instantly excited about is someone who is willing to level with the American people and assume they are prepared to listen to the mathematical facts and garee that whatever

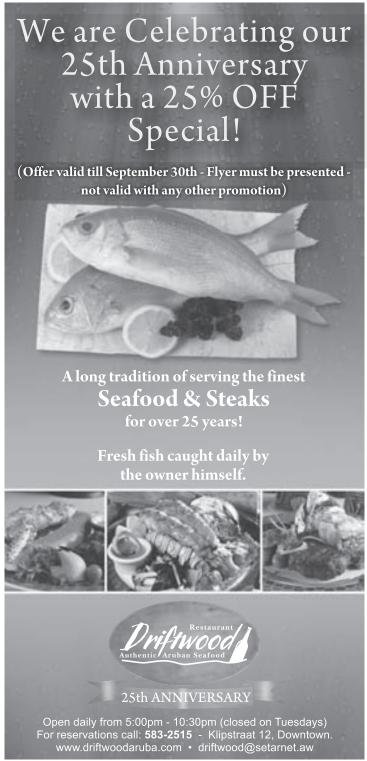


**Republican Mitch Daniels** 

other disagreements we have aren't as important." Daniels, who is among the country's most respected Republican governors, has not chosen a favorite candidate in the party's nominating contest. He said the recent contentious exchanges over Social Security between the party's leading candidates, Gov. Rick Perry of Texas and former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, had not advanced the debate.

Perry has questioned the constitutionality of the program, which he has referred to as a "Ponzi scheme" and a "monstrous lie." Romney has seized on those remarks as a main distinction between the two men, but he has devoted more time to criticizing Perry's statements than to outlining his own ideas for the program. "I don't think any of this is very helpful," Daniels said. "If there's a problem with 'Ponzi scheme,' it is that it's too frank, not that it's wrong. But by stopping there, he might be unnecessarily scaring people."

The observations from Daniels come as he prepares this week to release a book, "Keeping the Republic: Saving America by Trusting Americans." In the book, to be released Tuesday, he calls for a new reconstruction period in the United States and proposes major changes to entitlement programs to help control the deficit and avert "the most predictable crisis we'll ever face."



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# US man accused of killing wife, wounding 2 pastors

MIKE SCHNEIDER **Associated Press** LAKELAND, Florida (AP) —

A gunman killed his wife at their Florida home and then burst through the front door of a nearby church on Sunday, wounding a pastor and associate pastor before parishioners tackled him, authorities and relatives said.

The suspect, 57-year-old Jeremiah Fogle, killed one person at a home about a block away from the church before shooting the pastors, the Polk County Sheriff's office said. The two men, pastor William Boss and associate pastor Carl Stewart, were in critical condition. No other church members were hurt.

Maria Beauford said the slain woman was her sister, 56-year-old Theresa Fogle. The Fogles married in 2002 and ran a transportation business together. They had been members of Greater Faith Christian



Lakeland Police and Polk County Sheriff's Deputies investigate a shooting in Lakeland, Fla. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. A gunman killed his wife at their Florida home and then burst through the front door of a nearby church on Sunday, wounding a pastor and associate pastor before parishioners tackled him, authorities and relatives said.

(AP Photo/The Lakeland Ledger, Pierre DuCharme)

He had been sick over the past year and had back surgery, and Theresa Fogle nursed him back to health, Beauford said. She said her brother-in-law was always smiling at family gatherings. "We have no idea what his motive was," she said. "We just have no idea."

Jeremiah Fogle's older brother, Collis Fogle Jr., said that the couple never had a big wedding celebration and that they seemed to

have gotten along well. "It's so sad," Collis Fogle

"I've been trying to call to figure out what went wrong." Authorities said Jeremiah Fogle ran through the doors of the Greater Faith Christian Church after a morning service had wrapped up and just before another daily service. The red-brick building also

serves as a school and sits across from a mobile home park. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney. Several police cars and police tape blocked off the church and the street in front.

Ambulances and police cars rushed down the street when the shooting happened, neighbors said. Neighbors said they often saw Fogle outside with his wife, mowing the lawn and pulling weeds.

Center Church, where the shootings happened, but had started their own ministry out of their house and regularly hosted Sunday services, Beauford said.

Beauford said she had never known Jeremiah Foale to be violent toward her sister.

### US death case grieves families on both sides

**GREG BLUESTEIN RUSS BYNUM Associated Press** SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP)

– An elite Army Ranger, Mark MacPhail left the

service and became a police officer to spare his wife and young children from the base-hopping life of a military career. Troy Davis dropped out of high

school in his senior year to help care for his younger siblings, including a sister stricken with multiple sclerosis.

Both men inspired unwavering love and loyalty in their families that still runs deep more than two decades after one summer night forced the Davises and the MacPhails to opposite sides of a long legal battle that could end next week in a Georgia prison death chamber.

MacPhail, 27, was moonlighting off-duty as a security guard outside a Savannah bus station on Aug. 19, 1989, when he was shot and killed rushing to the aid of a homeless man who was being attacked.

Police arrested Davis as the killer, based on eyewitness statements that two years later swayed a jury to sentence him to death.





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# New York City ends the era of the old parking meter

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**NEW YORK –** Motorists' bane, magnet for thieves, and memorialized in the Beatles' "Lovely Rita," the diminutive parking meter has led an outsize life. But its days in New York City are about to expire.

The city will remove its last decommissioned single-space parking meter in Manhattan on Monday, transportation officials said, the start of a yearlong process that will eventually eliminate all the steel-and-sludge-hued meters in the city.

A few stragglers will still remain in Manhattan, in areas like the Upper West Side, but their brains will be removed and the inert pole repurposed for a new use: a bicycle rack.

A silent fixture of the streetscape that became an improbable icon of a car-choked metropolis, the Manhattan meter would have turned 60 on the day of its demise. The cause of death, officials said, was an acute case of obsolescence.

The old-fashioned, pole-mounted meter will now yield to the robotlike Meter of Tomorrow: a solar-powered box, equipped with Wi-Fi, that can handle eight parking spaces at once and can shut itself down on free-parking Sundays.

The city's Transportation Department, which recently accelerated its meter retirement program, says the change will benefit city and citizen alike: The new meters read credit cards, speak seven languages,



The last remaining single user, coin operated parking meter in New York, Sept. 14, 2011. The final single-space parking meter in Manhattan will be removed on Monday, the start of a year-long process that will benefit the city with new meters that read credit cards, speak seven languages, require less maintenance and free up room on the sidewalk.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

in Queens, where meter surgery is still performed with butter knives and nail files, mechanics are bracing for an era's end. Stephen Kerney, the shop supervisor, wondered about his team's fate as he surveyed shelves and tables filled with hundreds of discarded meter innards.

"At one time," he said, "we were the largest shop in the world."

Some of the meter shop mechanics will be retrained or reassigned, city officials said.

The parking meter made

its Manhattan debut on Sept. 19, 1951, at a formal ceremony in Harlem that attracted boxer Sugar Ray Robinson. "It's just another way of getting money out of people," the middleweight champion remarked at the time.

On Monday, only a few blocks from that historic site, the final meter, No. 101-0655, will be lifted from its perch on Frederick Douglass Boulevard, just north of 125th Street. Down the block, a sparkling new Muni-Meter has already been installed.

require less maintenance, and free up room on the sidewalk.

But the death of the classic meter also means an end to some of New York's smaller pleasures: the satisfying clunk of a coin in its slot, the illicit thrill of finding an extra few minutes still counting down.

"We're losing the driver's version of a lottery ticket," said Samuel I. Schwartz, a former city traffic engineer and transportation commissioner.

"Pulling up to a singlespace meter and discovering there was 30 minutes on it from the previous owner – what a joy that was! Even if it was only saving you a dime, somehow it made my day."

Nostalgists will have a chance to buy a meter of their own: The city plans to auction off thousands of decommissioned meters sometime next year.

But at the Transportation Department's repair shop



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# UN needs \$357 million to cope with Pakistan floods

**SEBASTIAN ABBOT Associated Press** 

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The United Nations appealed for \$357 million Sunday to help millions of Pakistanis affected by floods that have damaged hundreds of thousands of homes and destroyed millions of acres of crops.

Pakistan often experiences flooding from monsoon rains that lash much of South Asia from June to September. This year the rains have been heavier than normal, coming as many people were still trying to recover from last year's floods, which were the worst in the country's history. The money from the appeal would be used to help more than 5.4 million people in the provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan over the next six months, said Humaira Mehboob, a spokeswoman for the U.N.'s humanitarian arm. Those provinces have been the worst hit by the floods this

The floods have killed 223 people in Sindh alone, damaged or destroyed around 665,000 homes and displaced more than 1.8 million people, according to a rapid response plan issued by the U.N. on Sunday.

"The situation of the

clear evidence of growing economic problems. humanitarian needs," said In 2010, the floods followed the response plan.

The return of the floods is testament to the heaviness of the monsoon rains and the limits of Pakistan's weak and corrupt govern-

the course of the River Indus and its tributaries from

the foothills of the Himalayas to the flatlands of Sindh, where the river empties out into the Arabian Sea.

As much as one-fifth of the country's landmass and 20 million people were affected at the peak, making it one of the largest natural disasters in recent history.

The U.S. army deployed helicopters to ferry victims and aid around the country, and the U.N. and other international aid groups also helped.

Many of those countries, including the U.S., have mobilized again this year to help flood victims. The U.S. has said it paid for food packages for 23,000 families and its local partners will soon begin handing out tents, clean water and other supplies.

Japan and China have also pledged relief goods or money, according to the Pakistan government. "The magnitude of disaster

is much beyond the capacity of Pakistan," Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told flood vic-



Pakistani men sit on the rubble of a house, surrounded by floods water in Badin district near Hyderabad, Pakistan, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. The floods caused by heavy rains have killed more than 200 people, made about 200,000 people homeless and left 4.2 million acres of agriculture land inundated with water. authorities said.

(AP Photo/Shakil Adil)

people who have been forced to leave their homes is dire, and there is ment, showing up its ineffectiveness in the crisis.

As they did last year, the floods are undercutting the leaitimacy of the shaky government, which is already widely disliked and struggling against Islamist militants, ever present political turmoil and massive tims on Sunday.



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### Strong quake hits India, Nepal

**WASBIR HUSSAIN Associated Press** GAUHATI, India (AP) — A strong earthquake shook northeastern India and Nepal on Sunday night, killing at least 16 people, damaging buildings and sending lawmakers in Nepal's capital running into the streets. The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.9, struck at 6:10 p.m. local time and was felt across northern and eastern India, including in the capital of New Delhi. It triggered at least two aftershocks of magnitude 6.1 and 5.3, Indian seismology official R.S. Dattatreyan said. He warned more aftershocks

At least five people in India's Sikkim state were killed and more than 50 were injured, according to the state's top official, Chief Secretary Karma Gyatso.

were possible.

The north Indian state of West Bengal reported four deaths, and Bihar state reported two. Nepal's government said five people died and dozens were hurt there, including two men and a child who were killed when a brick wall toppled outside the British Embassy in Nepal's capital, Katmandu.

The full extent of damage was not immediately known because the region is sparsely populated with many people living in remote areas now cut off by mudslides triggered by the quake, state police Chief Jasbir Singh told The Associated Press.

TV stations reported buildings buckled, sidewalks cracked and two major roads collapsed in Sikkim's state capital of Gangtok, 42 miles (68 kilometers) southeast of the quake's epicenter near the border with Nepal. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police said two of its buildings had collapsed in Gangtok.

Small army columns fanned out across the city of some 50,000 overnight to search for anyone pinned under fallen debris.



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# Yemeni forces open fire on protesters, 26 killed

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni government forces opened fire with anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons on tens of thousands of anti-government protesters in the capital demanding ouster of their longtime ruler, killing at least 26 and wounding dozens, medical officials and witnesses said. After nightfall, Sanaa sank into complete darkness after a sudden power outage, as protesters took control of a vital bridge, halting traffic and setting up tents. Thousands of other protesters attacked government buildings and set fires to buildings they said were used by snipers and pro-government thugs. The attack was the deadliest in months against protesters and comes as tensions have been escalating in the long, drawn-out stalemate between the regime and the opposition. The president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, left for Saudi Arabia for treatment after being severely wounded in a June 3 attack on his palace, raising hopes for his swift removal — but instead, he has dug in, refusing to step down. The protest movement has

stepped up demonstrations the past week, angered after Saleh deputized Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to negotiate a power-transfer deal. Many believe the move is just the latest of many delaying tactics. At the same time, greater numbers of the powerful Republican Guards force, led by Saleh's son and heir apparent Ahmed and armed regime supporters have also been turning out in the streets in recent days, raising fears of a new bloody confrontation. More than 100,000 protesters massed Sunday around the state radio building and government offices, witnesses said.



Wounded anti-government protestors lay on the ground as they received medical help at a field hospital during clashes with security forces in Sanaa, Yemen, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. Yemeni government forces opened fire with anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons on tens of thousands of anti-government protesters in the capital pushing for ouster of longtime ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh, killing several people and wounding dozens.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

When the crowd began to march toward the nearby Presidential Palace, security forces opened fire and shot tear gas canisters, they said. Snipers fired down at the crowd from nearby rooftops, and plainclothes Saleh supporters armed with automatic rifles, swords and batons attacked the protesters. Protesters took control of a main bridge, closed off the entrances and set fire to tents in a camp used by pro-government forces. "This peaceful protest was confronted by heavy weapons and anti-aircraft guns," said Mohammed al-Sabri, an opposition spokesman. He vowed that the intensifying protests "will not stop and will not retreat."









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### Morocco's democracy protests restart after hiatus

PAUL SCHEMM
Associated Press
CASABLANCA, Morocco

(AP) — Thousands of Moroccans demonstrated on Sunday calling for greater political freedoms, as the country's pro-democracy movement attempted to regain momentum lost over the summer.

At least 3,000 people marched through the streets of Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, chanting slogans against government corruption in a demonstration organized by the pro-democracy February 20 movement.

Like the rest of the Arab world, this North African kingdom was swept by pro-democracy protests featuring tens of thousands starting in February, but in recent months the protests have petered out and at one point stopped altogether.

King Mohammed VI, who remains popular with much of the country, appears to have co-opted much of the dissatisfaction by promising reforms and amending the constitution, which now gives more powers to the prime minister. But activists say it changes little and final authority still rests with the king and his court. Last week, the February 20 movement restarted its weekly protests and thousands marched through downtown Casablanca on Sunday, though earlier in the summer it had been twice that number.

Activists wearing the masks of three of the king's top counselors rode backwards on donkeys during the march.

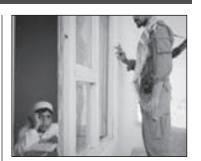
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the many powers the king keeps under the new constitution.

Another 2,000 people also demonstrated in the port city of Tangiers, where the crowds even chanted for the fall of the regime — a common slogan in other Arab countries, but in Mo-

lice were in evidence and there were none of the attacks by government supporters that have marred past demonstrations.

Morocco will hold parliamentary elections on Nov. 25. Traditionally, political parties have been weak and easily manipulated by



An Afghan National Police man searches the surroundings of a mosque in Nawabad, near Char Darah, outisde Kunduz, Afghanistan, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. Three NATO service members died in separate attacks, and a patrol of Afghan and international forces killed more than 10 insurgents during a raid on a major narcotics laboratory in southern Afghanistan, NATO said Sunday.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)



Activists wearing the masks of three of the king's top counselors ride backwards on donkeys during a rally organized by the 20th February, the Moroccan Arab Spring movement in Casablanca, Morocco, Sunday Sept 18, 2011, in a mass popular call to bring more democracy into this North African kingdom. Thousands of pro-democracy activists in Morocco demonstrated Sunday around the country. Placard reads "Fall of corruption".

much, head of the religion, it's too much," chanted the crowd, referring to some of

rocco most people want the monarchy to remain. In both protests, few po-

#### (AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

the royal court and parliament has not had a great deal of power.

Under the new constitution, the party with the largest number of seats in parliament will form the new government, rather than someone chosen by the king. Parliament has also been granted greater oversight over governance.



KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Three NATO service members died in separate attacks, and a patrol of Afghan and international forces killed more than 10 insurgents during a raid on a major narcotics laboratory in southern Afghanistan, NATO said Sunday.

The alliance said one service member died in an insurgent attack on Saturday, while the other two were killed by bombs on Sunday. All three died in the south of the country.

NATO statements did not provide further details on the attacks or the nationalities of the killed service members.

The deaths raise the number of international troops killed in September to 24. A total of 429 members of the international military coalition have died so far this year. □



# Strauss-Kahn denies violence in sex assault cases

#### **JENNY BARCHFIELD Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn broke his silence four months after a New York hotel maid accused him of sexual assault, calling his encounter with the woman a "moral failing" he deeply regrets, but insisting in an interview on French television Sunday that no violence was involved.

Strauss-Kahn, the former head of the International Monetary Fund and a onetime top presidential contender in his native France, also denied using violence against a French writer who claims he tried to rape her in a separate 2003 incident. Throughout what



A protestor's wears a tee shirts "I Love Tristane Banon" during a demonstration called by French feminist activists in front of French TF1 television headquarters where former International Monetary Fund chief. French Dominique Strauss-Kahn, is interwieved during the TV news broadcast, in Boulogne-Billancourt, outside Paris. Sunday ,Sept. 18, 2011. Strauss-Kahn has dismissed French writer Tristane Banon's claims that he tried to rape her during a 2003 interview as "imaginary" and insisted there was "no act of aggression, no violence."

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

# Gains show shift in sentiment in Latvia

MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ © 2011 New York Times **MOSCOW** – A pro-Russian party has gained the most votes in a snap parliamentary election in Latvia, with economic worries and anger over perceived government malfeasance trumping the anti-Russian sentiments that have kept such parties at bay since the small Baltic country gained independence from the Soviet Union 20 years ago. Latvia's Central Elections Commission announced Sunday that the pro-Russian party, Harmony Center, received more than 28 percent of the vote in Saturday's elections, a significant improvement over previous contests.

Harmony Center's opponents could still block its entry into the government by uniting in coalition, analysts said, and began talks on Sunday in an apparent effort to do so. Even so, the party's rise to prominence is remarkable given Latvia's history.

The Soviet Union absorbed Latvia along with its neighbors, Lithuania and Estonia, after World War II and ruled them for nearly half a century. After independence

in 1991, Latvia sought to shield itself from Russia through integration with the West, joining the European Union and NATO.

governments Previous have sought to disenfranchise the country's Russianspeaking minority, which makes up almost 30 percent of Latvia's 2.2 million

Laws have been passed making it difficult for Russian speakers, even those born in Latvia, to receive citizenship and vote.

continued worries about Latvia's economy, and, perhaps more importantly, anger with a government that many say is beholden to wealthy businessmen, have pushed many Latvians to seek alternatives, even if it means moving closer to neighboring Russia, and its rich, oilfueled economy.

Latvia's former president, Valdis Zatlers, forced Saturday's elections by taking the rare step of dissolving Parliament this summer when lawmakers refused to grant prosecutors permission to investigate possible corruption by a businessman who is a member of Parliament.

peared to be a heavily scripted 20-minute-long interview with French broadcaster TF1, Strauss-Kahn managed to come off as contrite even as the Socialist politician insisted he hadn't forced himself on either of the women.

He said his May 14 sexual encounter with Nafissatou Diallo, an African immigrant who claimed that he attacked her when she entered his room in Manhattan's Sofitel hotel to clean it, "did not involve violence, constraint or aggression."

Still, he acknowledged, it "was a moral failing and I am not proud of it. I regret it infinitely. I have regretted it everyday for the past four months and I think I'm not done regretting it."

It "was not only an inappropriate relationship, but more than that, it was a failing ... a failing vis-a-vis my wife, my children and my friends but also a failing vis-a-vis the French people, who had vested their hopes for change in me." Strauss-Kahn resigned

from the IMF's top job in the wake of the scandal. Though he didn't rule out a future return to politics, the man once widely regarded as the Socialist party's best hope at beating France's incumbent conservative President Nicolas take time to think about his future.

Strauss-Kahn, who had a long-standing reputation as a man with a weakness for sex and women, said the Diallo imbroglio had profoundly changed him.

"I've seen the pain that I caused around me and I thought, I thought a lot," he said. "That lightness, I've lost it for good."

The interview was more than an extended mea culpa, though. Strauss-Kahn lashed out both at Diallo and, more broadly, at the U.S. justice system, which by allowing him to be paraded handcuffed before cameras he said had irreparably tarnished his image.

"When you are snatched up by the jaws of that machine, you have the impression that it can crush you," he said. "I felt that I was trampled on, humiliated, even before I had the chance to say a word," he said. Under French law, it's illegal to show suspects in handcuffs.

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# As an MSNBC host, Sharpton is a hybrid like no other

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NEW YORK - At 50 minutes to airtime, the Rev. Al Sharpton, in pinstripes and cufflinks, was sitting in his office at Rockefeller Center, tinkering with Tuesday's introduction to "PoliticsNation," his new nightly show on MSNBC.

Two TV sets hung from the wall: one tuned to "Hardball," the other to CNN. A procession of producers he has six on staff – whisked through to give him updates on their segments. Just before he rose for his makeup session, he turned to his executive producer. "Let's not forget," Sharpton said, casually employing the TV vernacular, "to put that Ron Paul sound bite in the D-block."

Only days before, a more

familiar version of Sharpton was on display: at one of his weekend rallies at the House of Justice, a power-lifter's gym turned headquarters in Harlem. Dressed in shirtsleeves, using preacherly tones, he opened, as he always does, with his protest mantra -"No justice! No peace!" – and then went on to talk about Denise Gay, the New York woman shot and killed this month, possibly by the police. At the rally's end, a choir appeared. Sharpton, 57, soloing at times, joined them in "Amazing Grace." His ascension to MSNBC's 6 p.m. anchor slot signifies vet another episode in the long-running, much-debated drama called "The Transformation of Al Sharpton": from the street-level firebrand who made his

name supporting Tawana Brawley in 1988 to a political candidate (twice for Senate, once each for president and mayor of New York) to the Twitter-posting, Facebooking, radio-showhosting modern media figure. His recent venture into television has attracted the expected condemnations

Davis, convicted – wrongfully, Sharpton says – of killing a policeman.

As construed by MSNBC, Sharpton will be a hybrid TV personality, a journalistparticipant of sorts, both a maker and a deliverer of the news. "We are breaking the mold," said Phil Griffin, the network's president.

ist."

Lingering in the background here is the case of Keith Olbermann, the former MS-NBC anchor who left the network this year after being suspended for writing checks without approval to political campaigns. NBC's professional standards bar

tion as pure political activ- says can be accomplished without an alteration of his message. The other day, in his new corporate office in Midtown, he said his model for this crossover act was, as always, Brown.

> "In the last 15 years of James Brown's life, he wasn't just playing the Apollo, but he was still singing the same songs," Sharpton said. "So how do you go from the Apollo stage to Lincoln Center and still remain authentic? How do you translate soul to a Lincoln Center crowd?"

Long before Griffin approached him this year with the idea of replacing Cenk Uygur, the acting 6 p.m. anchor, Sharpton had been a frequent quest on MSNBC. There was a two-month tryout over the summer, after which an offer was made. His ratings have so far been encouraging, network officials say. His audience (about 630,000 people a night) is up 4 percent over Uygur's and he occupies the No. 2 slot for cable news in the 6 p.m. hour, behind "Special Report," a competing show on Fox News. (The network won't disclose what it is paying him, but a source close to Sharpton puts the figure at about \$500,000 a year.)

"The guy's terrific on TV," Griffin said. "He's smart, he's got great life experience. He brings a different voice to our network. And he was at a point in his career where he needed a bigger platform."As for the journalistic questions, Sharpton said they were solved by frankness and transparency.



Rev. Al Sharpton before "PoliticsNation," his new nightly show on MSNBC, in New York. In his 6 p.m. news show, Sharpton will be a hybrid TV personality, being both a maker and a deliverer of the news.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

- all of which have missed how unusual MSNBC's decision really was.

Many polarizing former office holders - Sarah Palin, Eliot L. Spitzer – have been given TV platforms, but Sharpton is not a former anything. He remains an activist: He is planning to march on Washington next month to call for jobs (an event he expects to cover on his show) and has already done segments on another project, winning the release from death row of a Georgia laborer, Troy "Anything he does on the streets, he can talk about on air - we won't hide anything."

Though this arrangement may be journalistic, said Dan Kennedy, an assistant professor of media at Northeastern University, it is probably not journalism. Its proper name, Kennedy said, is talk-show hosting.

"Maybe a talk-show host shouldn't have to follow the entire code of ethics for a journalist," Kennedy said, "but he shouldn't be able to run roughshod and funcon-air talent from makina donations without managerial consent and from endorsing candidates. But what about rallying at the Lincoln Memorial? Or leading a march across the Brooklyn Bridge?

Naturally omnivorous. Sharpton has always been a blender of unlikely elements (hair by James Brown, rhetoric by the Baptists) and now his blending will combine the advocate's megaphone with the anchor's Teleprompter - a unique bit of alchemy Sharpton

# Coach opens at the Renaissance Mall













**ORANJESTAD** - The Renaissance Mall is proud of its new addition, Coach, a global icon of premier luxury leatherwear since 1941. The famous handbags, carryalls, totes, business bags, crossbody bags, wallets, wristlets, accessories such as scarves and sunglasses, footwear, and jewelry are all on display in the beautiful store, which carries an extensive selection for men and women.

As a matter of fact Coach just opened its first flagship store in Europe, in London, this past August. The store is located in the legendary boutique-lined New Bond Street. Coach also arrived in Aruba, on September 16th, finding a glamorous home address, at the Renaissance Mall, in downtown Oranjestad, "Where Fashion Lives."

The store carries all recent Coach Collections, including the just-arrived luxurious Kristin Collection, designed for the Fall of 2011, with handbags in three



new shades, Purple, Plum and Aubergine. The collection features rich buttery leathers with Kristin Spectator Flap Satchel, displayed right at the entrance to the store, touted by fashion bloggers as a must-have, appearing first of their Lust List for the season, immediately after the gorgeous Madison Collection's Sophia Satchel, available in Aruba in Brass, Bone, Silver, and Black & Taupe.

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Coach shoes inspired by the famous handbags are



also available in heels, sandals, platforms, wedges, flats and sneakers and watches will be coming in soon, to complement the accessories collection of scarves, hats, key rings, and sunglasses.

Coach chic and artful jewelry may be perfectly paired with the bags and the accessories, with a areat selection of opulent necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings.

Visit the store at the Renaissance Mall, with two entrances, one through the mall and one street side, facing the Oranjestad waterfront.



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# Holiday Inn Sunspree celebrates housekeeping week





PALM BEACH – The Management and staff of the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort celebrated Housekeeping Week with lots of fun and educational activities last week.

A local pastor blessed the group during the opening breakfast. They continued the week with a variety of different dining experiences and a bus trip around the island. The Housekeepers even participated in fun games and a sunset sail on the Pelican Catamaran.

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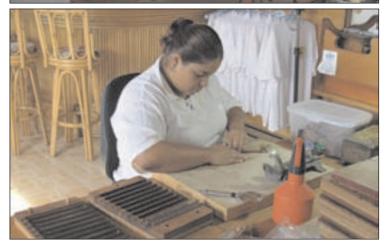






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**ORANJESTAD-** Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is





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# JetBlue Airways celebrates five years on Aruba

PALM BEACH - The event at Amazonia Churrascaria celebrating JetBlue's 5th year of operation on the island was truly fun. Guests and fans of the airlines commemorated the landmark and the remarkable journey which made Jet-Blue the largest carrier to Aruba trumping all other airlines. And while competitors cut back in the traditional Boston and New York markets which are Aruba's two main gateways JetBlue expanded and was rewarded with healthy growth. Pictured here, John Bisslik, and his well-wishing guests, including representatives of U.S. Airways and Tiara Air. Bisslik reports that JetBlue serves 70 destinations in 22 states including Puerto Rico, and eleven countries in the Caribbean, South America and Latin America.

Amazonia Churrascaria hosted the lovely dinner party in the private bar





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# Maria Tereza Do Nascimento, wins cash Madness The casino at the Radisson pays out \$43,926 in jackpots and prizes











PALM BEACH – The Casino at the Radisson paid out more than \$30.000 in slot machine jackpots over the past week. Combined with Wednesday's Poker Tournament, which paid out \$ 2,916 in prize money and Thursday's Poker Tournament which paid out \$ 2,430 in prize money, the casino made a great number of players very happy. Friday's Cash Madness Drawing, which is de-

signed to reward both slot and table players shelled out \$1,000 for the first prize winner, Maria Tereza Do Nascimento, from Brazil, staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Thomas Werleman received a Couples' Massage at Larimar while Cedric Croes was awarded dinner for two at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill, as consolation prizes.

And as if that was not enough Saturday's Slot Tournament, awarded Mena Tromp, Editha Feliciana and Monica Kock cash, when they shared the \$600 pot. In conjunction with the two Saturday Poker Tournaments, paying out \$ 3,780 and \$ 3,200 respectively the casino handed out \$43,926 in jackpots and prizes in just one week!!



# Sweet lil'16: Lexi Thompson gets historic LPGA win

Tiffany Joh, left, laughs after pouring water on Lexi Thompson following Thompson's winning the Navistar LPGA Classic on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala., on Sunday Sept. 18, 2011. Joh placed second, five strokes behind Thompson.

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**MOTORSPORTS** 

### Rain postpones NASCAR race outside Chicago

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
JOLIET, Illinois (AP) — Sunday's rain at Chicagoland
Speedway forced NASCAR
to postpone the opening
race of the Chase for the
Sprint Cup championship.
NASCAR rescheduled the
race for Monday at noon
Eastern.

The forecast didn't look good from the start, but because the facility has lights, NASCAR waited all day for a window to dry the track. Officials got the window and had the track almost dry, but the sky opened again roughly six hours after the scheduled start. "We appreciate the fans hanging in there with us and we know that rain presents an issue that nobody has much control over and it's uncomfortable," NASCAR president Mike Helton said earlier Sunday.

"But I think it's in every-body's best interest to try to get it in and we've got time to wait and see." Time ran out about 8 p.m. local time, with NASCAR releasing teams after the almost-dry track was soaked by a heavy rain. It marks the first Chase race since the championship series debuted in 2004 to be post-poned.

The only Chase race that failed to be run to its conclusion was the 2007 event at Kansas, which was called for darkness after a rain delay halted action in the middle of the event.

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# Aruba JODAY

# Rose hangs on to win BMW Championship

**DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer** 

LEMONT, Illinois (AP) -Justin Rose chipped in for birdie on the 17th hole to secure a two-shot victory Sunday in the BMW Championship that sends him to the Tour Championship and a shot at \$10 million.

Rose closed with an evenpar 71 in the rain at Cog Hill for his first win of the year, and it came at just the right time. He was not assured of making the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake, and now is one of five players who only have to win at East Lake next week to collect golf's biggest bonus.

Five shots ahead with 10 holes to play, Rose's lead was down to one after he drove into the trees on the par-5 15th and made bogey. From just short of the 17th green, however, the 31-year-old from England holed a chip from 35 feet for an unlikely birdie that sent him on his way.

Senden shot 70, and his runner-up finish moved him



Justin Rose holds the J.K. Wadley trophy after he won the final round at the BMW Championship golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, in Lemont, III. Rose finished total 13 under.

**Associated Press** 

who had to birdie the last hole at the TPC Boston two weeks ago just to stay alive in the playoffs, shot a 69 and finished alone in third. Now he's in the Tour Championship, and qualified for the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne

Indeed, there was more than one cup at stake on a dreary afternoon south of Chicago.

Rose captured the most important trophy — his third PGA Tour win, and the biggest of his career, that paid \$1.44 million. The BMW Championship also was the final event for the top 10 players to qualify for the Presidents Cup.

Despite all the possibilities for the U.S. team, there was no change.

David Toms went from No. 10 to No. 8 with his tie for 10th. The heartache belonged to Bill Haas, who was tied for third at the BMW going into the final round. He was poised to claim one of the 10 spots until he posted a 42 on the back nine and shot 78, when a score of 75 would have been just enough.

"I knew if I played well, something good would happen," Haas said. "And I knew if I played bad, nothing would happen."

off event. Geoff Ogilvy, It's the second straight year that Haas walked away from Cog Hill feeling empty. A year ago, he finished 31st in the FedEx Cup by a mere seven points.

> Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk nailed down the last two spots for the United States. The other seven who had locked up spots were Matt Kuchar, Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Nick Watney, Webb Simpson and Bubba Watson. Nothing but the order changed for the International team, either. Its list is based on the world ranking. Ogilvy, who was narrowly No. 10, moved ahead of Ryo Ishikawa to No. 9. The other eight players are Jason Day, Adam Scott, Charl Schwartzel, K.J. Choi, K.T. Kim, Retief Goosen, Ernie Els and Y.E. Yang.

> Captains Fred Couples and Greg Norman will make two picks after the Tour Championship. Couples already has said Tiger Woods will be one of his picks.

> For the FedEx Cup, Bo Van Pelt nailed down the 30th spot by a comfortable margin over Martin Laird. Even so, there were some tense moments. Despite difficult conditions, Camilo Villegas made nine birdies and had the best round of the day at 66. 🔲

### Tiger qualifies for his own event

LEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Tiger Woods was among the winners after the BMW Championship, though he didn't play.

Woods slipped to No. 49 in the world ranking Sunday, meaning he will be eligible for the Chevron World Challenge, the tournament he hosts in Southern California in December.

The Chevron World Challenge was allowed two years ago to offer ranking points, provided it have only two sponsor exemptions and both were among



Tiger Woods hits a tee shot during the Notah Begay III Foundation Challenge golf tournament in Verona, N.Y., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011. **Associated Press** 

the top 50 in the world. Woods was at No. 46 going into the week, and was passed by Geoff Ogilvy, Sergio Garcia and Bill Haas.

### United States retains PGA Cup

SAN MARTIN, California (AP) — Sonny Skinner halved with Stuart Little in the deciding match as the United States won the PGA Cup for the third straight time, beating Britain and Ireland 171/2-81/2 on Sunday in the Ryder Cup-style event for club pros.

After building a 10½-5½ lead the first two days at Corde-Valle, the United States needed 2½ points in the 10 singles matches to retain the Llandudno International trophy. The Americans lead the series 17-5-3.

Marty Jertson and Danny Balin won the opening two matches to put Skinner in position to clinch the victory with a halve. Jertson beat Craig Goodfellow 5 and 4, and Balin edged Christopher Gill 1-up.

from No. 55 in the FedEx Cup to No. 9, putting him among the top 30 from the 70 players at Cog Hill to advance to the Tour Champi-

Rose wasn't the only big winner at the third play-

### Nascar Continued from **Previous Page**

The race resumed, but ran only 210 of the scheduled 267 laps.

Matt Kenseth will start from the pole at Chicagoland when the race goes off on Monday, and he said he didn't think the full day of rain would present many problems for drivers.

"I think it will change the first 40 or 50 laps until the track gets rubbered up again, then I think it will be similar to what it has been all weekend," Kenseth said. NASCAR previously had scheduled a competition caution 30 laps into the race, and Kenseth said the pause will allow teams to "get the tires off and take a look at it, and by then the track should

be pretty well rubbered in and hopefully back to similar conditions we practiced in." Six Chase drivers are starting in the top 10, with Kevin Harvick the lowest qualifying Chase driver at 30th. This is the second time in three weeks the race has been disrupted by rain. The Sept. 4 race at Atlanta was delayed by two days by heavy rains. When the event did go off, it was stopped or slowed several times by brief showers. As drivers waited out the rain this time, the lone excitement at the track was when the pace car inexplicably went missing. NASCAR officials made several calls before determining an intern from Chicagoland Speedway had taken the car to be washed — while it was raining. Earlier Sunday,

team owner Richard Childress spoke briefly about his recent election into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. He'll be the headliner of the class being inducted in May at Talladega Superspeedway.

"I remember walking through the Hall of Fame when it was just done and thinking, 'Man, it would be neat to one day get in this,'" Childress said. "I'm still in shock."

Childress drove in his first Cup race in 1969, and compiled 75 top-10 finishes in 285 races over the course of his driving career. His mark, though, was made as owner of Richard Childress Racing.

A partnership with Dale Earnhardt that began in 1981 helped RCR win six championships as an owner from 1986-94.





# 16-year-old Lexi Thompson gets historic LPGA win

JOHN ZENOR AP Sports Writer PRATTVILLE, Alabama (AP)

— At 16, Lexi Thompson has become the youngest player to win an LPGA Tour event.

The Floridian closed with a 2-under 70 Sunday to win the Navistar LPGA Classic, beating Tiffany Joh by five strokes to finish at 17-under 271. Thompson shattered the age record for winning a multiple-round tournament held by Paula Creamer, who won in 2005 at 18. Marlene Hagge was 18 years and 14 days old when she won the single-round Sarasota Open in 1952.

The victory brought a piece of history and \$195,000.

"This has been my dream like my whole life," Thompson said. "It's the best feeling ever."

Thompson, who turned 16 in February, led by five strokes entering the final round and built that to seven through 10 holes at the Robert Trent Jones Trail's Capitol Hill complex. Then came the teen's only big lapse on the pressure-packed day, bogeys on the next two holes that allowed Joh to surge within three strokes.

Thompson erased any concerns of a collapse with birdies on Nos. 16 and 17,

and then the celebration and the kind words began. "Paula Creamer came up to me and said, 'If anybody was going to change the record, it should have been you,'" Thompson said. "That meant a lot."

Cool under pressure most of the day, Thompson and her father, also her caddie, couldn't contain broad smiles as they approached the 18th green with the win, and a spot in LPGA history, in hand. "It's just awesome watching your kid do something like this, but it is very nerve-racking, though," Scott Thompson said. "This is a very special day.

"It was an unbelievable feeling to hear people cheering your kid like that. A very proud moment."

Thompson said her dad told her he was "going off to the side, because I might cry." The home-schooled teen from Coral Springs, Fla., tapped in for par, hugged her father and got a celebratory dousing of bottled water over her head from Joh. Now, the question is will she be granted LPGA Tour membership? Thompson will have to petition for an exemption of the 18-yearold age requirement.

The LPGA already granted her petition for qualifying

school, and she won the first stage by 10 strokes in July with two more to go.

"We haven't even really talked about that yet," Scott Thompson said. "We'll worry about that as it comes, so we'll see."

In the meantime, she's still a kid having fun. She spent the evening before the tournament at Outback Steakhouse with fellow teen golfer Janie Jackson. What did they talk about? "Boys. Boys definitely came up," Thompson joked.

Joh, who opened the day seven shots back, finished with a 68 after closing the gap with four straight birdies starting on No. 12. Her previous best finish was 12th at the CN Canadian Women's Open.

Angela Stanford shot a 66 to surge into third place at 11 under, posting three sub-70 rounds after an opening 73. Brittany Lang (67) and Karen Stupples (68) were 10 under. Meena Lee, who opened the day in second and five shots back, finished with a 73 and tied with Stacy Lewis at 9 under. Thompson got a little relief from the pressure, laughing along with Joh after her tee shot rolled inches to the right of the hole on the par 3 No. 16.



Lexi Thompson holds high her trophy after winning the Navistar LPGA Classic on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala., on Sunday Sept. 18, 2011. Associated Press

She birdied to push her lead back to four strokes, acknowledging the fans with a brief grin and a tip of her visor. "When it goes from seven to three in four holes, who isn't going to worry?" Scott Thompson said. "Tiffany was playing great.

"Lexi said, 'I think I'm going to have to make a birdie or so coming in.' It turned out she made two."

Thompson closed with a tap-in for par and a dramafree finale. She had flirted with history before. Thompson shared the 2009 Navistar LPGA lead after two rounds as a 14-year-old amateur. In May, she entered the final round at the Avnet LPGA in Mobile tied for the lead, but dropped to 19th with a closing 78.

This time, she built such a cushion that bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12 only cut her lead to five strokes over Lang and Lee. Thompson recovered with tap-ins for par on the next hole and No. 15 and coasted from there. □

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# Sandoval's 2 HRs in 4th lead Giants past Rox 12-5

### **NL Roundup**

**DENVER (AP)** — Pablo Sandoval homered twice in an eight-run fourth inning, part of a six-home run barrage that led the late-charging San Francisco Giants over the Colorado Rockies 12-5 Sunday for their eighth straight win. On its longest winning streak since April 2007, San Francisco closed within four games of Atlanta, the NL wild-card leader. Pitcher Matt Cain (12-10), Mike Fontenot, Brandon Belt and Brandon Crawford also homered for the Giants, who began the day five games back of Arizona in the NI West.

Esmil Rogers (6-6) was the loser.

### Diamondbacks 5, Padres 1

At San Diego, Joe Saunders took a five-hitter into the ninth inning and Paul Goldschmidt drove in three runs as Arizona cut the magic number to five for their first NL West title since 2007.

Saunders (12-12) limited last-place San Diego an unearned run and seven hits in 8 2-3 innings, improving to 3-1 with a 1.47 ERA against the Padres this season. After two-out singles



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval rounds second on a triple off a pitch by Colorado Rockies' Esmil Rogers during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 in Denver.

New York went 6-4 at At-

lanta this year, its first win-

ning record at Turner Field

since 2008. After pinch-hit-

ter Ronny Paulino's bases-

loaded walk in the eighth

against Jonny Venters (6-2)

tied it at 5, Tejada singled

to put the Mets ahead for

good. Duda's homer was

just the second this year

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off Kimbrel, the NL saves leader. Tim Byrdak (2-0) won de-

spite allowing a go-ahead

single in the seventh to

Freddie Freeman, who had

been on an 0-for-15 slide.

#### Brewers 8, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, Carlos Gomez and Prince Fielder each hit two-run homers in

the first and Zack Greinke breezed through seven sharp innings to help Milwaukee complete a series sweep of Cincinnati. Greinke (15-6) allowed just two hits and one run with three walks. He tied his season high with 10 strikeouts. Matt Maloney was pressed into service as Cincinnati's starting pitcher after Dontrelle Willis developed back spasms. Maloney (0-3) gave up seven runs — six earned — on nine hits in 1 2-3 innings. His ERA climbed from 6.88 to 9.16.

### Dodgers 15, Pirates 1

At Los Angeles, James Loney had five hits with three RBIs, and Jerry Sands and Juan Rivera each drove in four runs as Los Angeles routed Pittsburgh.

In other NL games it was Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 1; Washington 4, Florida 3; N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 5; Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 2; San Francisco 12, Colorado 5; Arizona 5, San Diego 1; L.A. Dodgers 15, Pittsburgh 1; and St. Louis 5, Philadel-

by Blanks and Alberto Gonzalez in the ninth, J.J. Putz struck out pinch-hitter Nick Hundley for his 41st save in 45 chances

#### Mets 7, Braves 5

At Atlanta, Ruben Tejada had four RBIs and Lucas Duda homered off Craia Kimbrel in the ninth inning as New York slowed Atlanta's wild-card bid with a walk-filled 7-5 victory.

Atlanta lost two of three to the Mets, who arrived with a six-game losing streak.

# Flyers forward Joromir Jagr happy for NHL comeback



Philadelphia Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren, left, holds a Flyers jersey with right wing Jaromir Jagr, from the Czech Republic, during an NHL hockey media availability, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in Voorhees, N.J. Jagrsigned a one-year contract with **Associated Press** 

**VOORHEES**, New Jersey (AP) — When Jaromir Jagr left three years ago to play in Russia, he thought his NHL career was over.

At 39, Jagr is back and with something to prove. Jagr surprised the league when he signed a one-year con-

tract this summer with the Philadelphia Flyers, trying to win a Stanley Cup and play at an All-Star level even at an age when most players have considered retirement."There's probably a lot of people wondering if I still can play. It's

fine with me," Jagr said Saturday. "I'm not 21, trying to prove something with my words. We'll just have to wait and see.

I can promise you one thing, that I'm going to give it my best shot to play on a high level." That what the Flyers are counting on as they chase their first championship since 1975. Jagr joked that he thought "what am I doing?" as he pulled on the Flyers sweater for the first time. He hit the ice with his new team for the first time this weekend, and expects to become a valuable contributor to team that underwent a massive roster shakeup over the summer. Jagr's acquisition is a big part of the Flyers' offseason overhaul that has seen them jettison key cogs Mike Richards, Jeff Carter, Ville Leino and Brian Boucher, among others.







# Mayweather's win over Ortiz is right on the money

TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. won the fight with a questionable — if legal — pair of punches that Victor Ortiz never saw coming. He followed it by berating an 80-year-old announcer in the ring and demanding he be fired.

Later on he would insinuate that the only way Manny Pacquiao keeps winning is that he's juiced.

All in a night's work for boxing's bad boy, and a profitable one at that. Probably not as profitable as Mayweather claims, but a huge payday without doubt.

He sells because people buy pay-per-views to either cheer him on or yell at the big screen in hopes he will lose. On Saturday night he won for the 42nd straight time, and he wasn't about to offer up apologies for how it was done.

"Once we touch gloves it's fight time," Mayweather said. "It's open season."

Mayweather came back from a 16-month layoff to stop a fighter 10 years younger than him, which by itself wasn't much of a surprise. He was a 5-1 favorite to use his speed and experience against an opponent who was in a megafight for the first time.

The way he did it, though, was the story of the night at the MGM Grand hotel greng

Those who love Mayweather will say he exploited a mistake by the relatively inexperienced Ortiz. Those who hate him will claim he's a dirty fighter who hit Ortiz when he wasn't expecting it.

Mayweather himself didn't really seem to care either way.

"Eventually he was going to get knocked out anyway," Mayweather said. "What comes around goes around. Things happen in this sport. It's protect yourself at all times."

If Mayweather needed an excuse, it may have been because he was mad. A few moments earlier Ortiz deliberately head butted him in the corner, a move that cost Ortiz a point on the judges' scorecards.

He apologized to Mayweather, even giving him a hug and a kiss on the cheek. Another brief hug followed in the center of the ring as the referee seemed to indicate that the two fighters continue. While Ortiz looked off to the side, his hands down, Mayweather hit him with a left hook and a right that put him on the canvas. Ortiz struggled to get up before referee Joe Cortez counted him out at 2:59 of

"I was looking at Joe and he said 'break' or something and I'm like, huh?" Ortiz said. "Whatever. Bottom line is I had fun. It was fun."

the fourth round.

If Ortiz was upbeat for a fighter who was stopped early in his biggest fight, he had reason to be. He made \$2.5 million, sustained no serious injuries, and did nothing to damage his reputation as a fighter who either drops the guy across the ring from him or is dropped himself.

Not beating Mayweather won't derail his career. After all, 41 fighters before him over the past 16 years have failed to do the same thing.

"I made some mistakes tonight and I apologized to the public for it," Ortiz said. "But I definitely want a rematch."

That's not likely, if only because it doesn't make a



Floyd Mayweather delivers a knockout punch to Victor Ortiz in the fourth round during a WBC welterweight title fight, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in Las Vegas.

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lot of financial sense. And Mayweather, who was guaranteed \$25 million, didn't earn his nickname of Money without always thinking about the bottom line.

That may be a reason the Pacquiao fight never gets made. No reason for Mayweather to risk his unbeaten record for a big payday when his paydays are already plenty big.

"I don't need Pacquiao," Mayweather said after the fight.

"Every time Floyd Mayweather goes out there he's going to make \$70 million, period."

### Rudisha suffers rare loss in 800 meters

MILAN (AP) — World record holder David Rudisha had a rare loss in the 800 meters Sunday, finishing second to Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia at the Milan Notturna meet.

The 17-year-old Aman passed Rudisha entering the final straight at Milan's 19th century Arena Civica and edged the Kenyan to the line in 1 minute, 43.50 seconds — with Rudisha crossing seven hundredths behind

Having won his first world title last month and then having competing in Rieti and Brussels over the past week, Rudisha appeared tired.

Rudisha clocked 1:41.33 in Rieti a week ago for the best time this year, slightly off his world mark of 1:41.01 set there last year.

Last year's IAAF World Athlete of the Year, Rudisha had been virtually unbeatable since failing to advance from the semifinals at the 2009 world championships in Berlin.

Aman won his semifinal heat at last month's worlds in Daegu, South Korea, but finished eighth in the final. In other events, double amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius of South Africa won the 400 in a respectable 45.97, considering that the track was flooded with water by a rainstorm; Commonwealth Games champion Silas Kiplagat of Kenya took the 1,500 in 3:33.28; and recently crowned world champion Olha Saladuha of Ukraine won the women's triple



Mohamed Amman of Ethiopia, left, cuts the finish line to win the 800m men's race flanked by David Rudisha of Kenya during the international athletics meeting 'La notturna di Milano', at the Arena Civica, in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011.

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jump with a leap of 14.94 meters.

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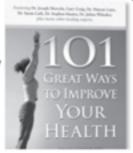
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# Doubts raised for UN progress at disease summit

### MARIA CHENG AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — Everyone knows what it would take to curb the global rise of chronic illnesses like heart disease, certain cancers and diabetes, but getting nations and their citizens to make the essential changes is more than daunting.

This week marks the first time the United Nations will tackle chronic diseases in a special summit in New York City, but it's uncertain what the meeting will accomplish. There are no concrete targets and even if there were, there would be no teeth to enforce them. There's no guarantee of money either.

On Sunday, the World Health Organization listed 14 solutions it says could save tens of millions of people. The price tag for all developing countries to adopt these measures is \$11.4 billion every year — a figure hard to raise amid a financial crisis.

Noninfectious diseases kill about 36 million people every year, mostly in poor countries. In every region except Africa, these diseases kill more people than the ones that spread like AIDS and tuberculosis. But WHO projects that by 2030, chronic diseases will overpower the other ailments, including AIDS, even in Africa.

The draft document for the U.N. meeting recognizes



A Pakistani mother comforts her son who is suffering from disease at a local hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Everyone knows what it would take to curb the global rise of chronic illnesses like heart disease, certain cancers and diabetes, but getting nations and their citizens to make the essential changes is more than daunting. This week marks the first time the United Nations will tackle chronic diseases in a special summit in New York City, but it's uncertain what the meeting will accomplish.

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"prevention must be the cornerstone of the global response."

Yet there are no firm commitments to cut the number of deaths from chronic diseases or promises to bankroll efforts to combat the problem.

Ann Keeling, chair of the Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance, said real progress isn't possible without a specific goal.

"If you don't have a target, you don't know where you're going or whether or not you're going to get there," she said. Keeling said officials should set an overall goal, like reducing the number of preventable deaths by 25 percent by

2025

Previous efforts for infectious diseases led to specific strategies, like the campaign to put 3 million people on AIDS drugs by 2005 or the malaria strategy to get bed nets to everyone who needs them by 2015. In contrast, the U.N. chronic diseases document simply calls for options to be submitted by the end of 2012 and says another meeting will be held in 2014 to assess progress.

Still, all of the WHO recommendations are cheap, with an average cost of under \$1 per person per strategy. They include things like:Raising taxes on tobacco and alcohol.

— Convincing food manufacturers and consumers to cut back on salt.

— Promoting public awareness about good diet and exercise habits.

— Providing generic drugs for people with diabetes and those at risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Screening and early treatment of precancerous lesions to prevent cervical cancer. Rolling out hepatitis B immunization to prevent liver cancer.

"Compared to some of the most cost-effective interventions in health like vaccines, these are a very good buy," said Dan Chisholm, a WHO expert on the issue.

# Families urge action as US drafts Alzheimer's plan

**LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer** WASHINGTON (AP) — As her mother's Alzheimer's worsened over eight long years, so did Doreen Alfaro's bills: The walker, then the wheelchair, then the hospital bed, then the diapers and the caregivers hired for more and more hours a day so Alfaro could go to work and her elderly father could get some rest. Alfaro and her husband sold their California house to raise money for her mother's final at-home care. Six years later, the 58-year-old Alfaro wonders if she eventually develops Alzheimer's, too, "what happens to my care? Where will I ao?"

Dementia is poised to become a defining disease of the rapidly aging population, — and a budget-busting one for Medicare and Medicaid, the U.S. government's medical programs for the sick and the elderly, as well as for American families. Now the Obama administration is developing the first National Alzheimer's Plan, to combine research aimed at fighting the mind-destroying disease with help that caregivers need to stay afloat.

"This is a unique opportunity, maybe an opportunity of a lifetime in a sense, to really have an impact on this disease," says Dr. Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic, who chairs a committee that begins this month advising the government on what that plan should include. An estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's or similar dementias. It is the sixth-leading killer. There is no cure; treatments only temporarily ease some symptoms.



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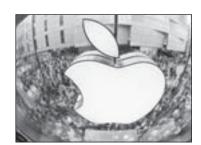
# Lost iPhone just one headache for Apple security

# By MARCUS WOHLSEN Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Wanted: experienced security professional. Must have plan to thwart Chinese counterfeiters, protect secret blueprints from spies and keep workers from leaving super-secret unreleased smartphones behind in bars.

A day after a recent report surfaced that an Apple employee had lost a prototype for a new but unreleased iPhone at a Northern California watering hole, two job listings appeared on Apple's website for managers of "new product security."

Such workers would join a team at the \$350 bil-



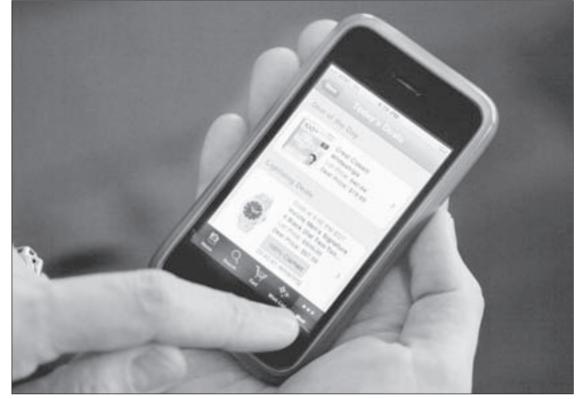
In this March 25, 2011 file photo, customers wait outside the Apple store in Munich before the start of sales of the iPad2.

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lion company that has included ex-FBI agents and other highly trained pros with backgrounds in intelligence and law enforcement.

While a private security force might not seem in keeping with its user-friendly image, Apple and other companies in its league need the best protection they can buy, corporate security experts say. And lost iPhones likely don't come near the top of the list of anxieties.

"Corporate espionage, that's big money. Billion-



In this July 13, 2011 file photo, one of the pages of "Today's Deals," appears on the screen of an iPhone, in New York.

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dollar money. The paranoia is justified," said Jim Stickley, co-founder of corporate security consulting firm TraceSecurity "Whatever they're trying to do, their competitors want to know. Everybody wants to know."

Apple declined to discuss its security operations in detail with The Associated Press, in keeping with the company's longstanding reputation for secrecy. Nor has the company confirmed the existence of the iPhone 5, the rumored latest model, much less a lost prototype. But San Francisco police have said that four officers recently went to a home in the city's Bernal Heights neighborhood with two Apple employees, who met with the resident and searched the home for an iPhone prototype.

Apple watchers say the company is known for cre-

ating many test versions of its new devices before they're released to see how they work in the real world. The reportedly lost iPhone likely would have been far from the only one in circulation.

Losing just one such device is perhaps more of a marketing headache than a serious security breach, as was the case for Apple last year when the tech blog

Gizmodo posted photos of what turned out to be the then-unreleased iPhone 4 lost by an employee at a San Francisco Bay area beer garden.

Once a new device has reached the point where employees are field-testing it, a competitor who obtained one wouldn't have enough time to analyze it and do anything to take advantage of that insider knowledge, Stickley said.

Even so, sheriff's deputies

seized Gizmodo blogger Jason Chen's computers as part of an investigation into whether the blog's \$5,000 payment to acquire the lost phone amounted to a crime. No charges were filed. Such tactics might seem heavy-handed. But for Apple and other tech companies the issue amounts not just to a publicity problem but a fiduciary obligation to shareholders to secure the company's valuable assets, said longtime Apple analyst Tim Bajarin.



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# Last Borders shoppers wistful, looking for deals

MAE ANDERSON AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The scene this weekend at the last of the remaining Borders bookstores to close was more like a memorial service than a funeral. Shoppers reminisced fondly about their beloved bookseller rather than grieve its loss

Amid upbeat jazz music and large red-and-yellow signs announcing the "Final Days" of the Borders store in Queens in New York City, customers snagged deals on used chairs and coffee machines. At a Borders in Cincinnati, readers were eager to grab book titles for up to 90 percent off. And signs at a Borders in Cambridge, Massachusetts, implored shoppers to haggle: "No Reasonable Offer Refused."

"I find it really sad," said Victoria Florea, 49, who was looking for discounts this weekend at the Cambridge store so she could use her \$50 gift card before it closes. "I'm glad to get these bargains, but I'm sad at the same time."

Borders, an Ann Arbor, Michigan-based chain that pioneered the big-box bookselling concept and grew to 1,249 stores at its peak in 2003, will cease to exist by the end of the day on Sunday. It's a victim of a shift in the industry brought on by customers who'd much rather read their favorite titles on an electronic



In this Sept. 9, 2011 photo, the bookshelves sit empty at the Borders bookstore at Penn Plaza in Midtown Manhattan in New York.

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book or tablet computer than turn the page on a paperback. The chain's demise is expected to have wide-reaching effects on everyone from authors and publishers who will have to find new ways to market their work to competitors like Barnes & Noble that will benefit from losing a big rival. "The absence of Borders is going to be felt across the industry," said Michael Norris, a Simba Information senior trade analyst. "The loss of the 'showroom' effect of bookstores is not going to be replaced anytime soon."

Started in 1971, Borders grew to become a giant in the industry, operating Borders and Waldenbooks bookstores. But the company failed to adapt quickly to the changing industry and lost sales to the Internet, discounters and other competition. It filed for bankruptcy protection in February and has since shuttered stores and laid off thousands of employees. Borders began liquidating its remaining 399 stores in July when a \$215 million "white knight" bid by a private-equity firm dissolved under objections from creditors and lenders who argued the chain would be worth more if it were liquidated immediately. A few vestiges of Borders will remain. Books-A-Million is

taking over 14 stores. And bidders including Barnes & Noble and Malaysian company Berjaya Books (which operated some Borders in Malaysia) will take over \$15.8 million in Borders' intellectual property. That includes trademarks; the Borders, Waldenbooks and Brentano's trade names; Internet domain names; and the Borders.com e-commerce website.

That's little solace to some shoppers who were taking advantage of the deals at the remaining Borders stores this weekend. Many wondered where they would shop once the chain disappears — even though many of them already are

migrating to online booksellers and discount chains. Steve Mannix on Friday carried out 10 books and two magazines for \$11.79 total at the Waldenbooks store in Cincinnati's Western Hills neighborhood. Most of the books were graphic novels about vampires, super-heroes and Japanese characters. He said he had been interested in the artwork and stories in graphic novels, but didn't want to pay \$20 for one book.

"It's sad," he said, loading the books into the trunk of his car. "I used to come to this store all the time."

Still, Mannix said he reads online and buys most of his books at a Half Price Books discount bookstore, which he says saves him a lot of money. "They really priced themselves out of business," he said of the Waldenbooks store.

At the Queens store in The Shops at Atlas Park in Glendale, half a dozen shoppers milled around scantily filled shelves. Signs touting up to 90 percent off books and 50 percent off fixtures peppered Borders' large glass windows. A wooden sign showed photos of fixtures like coffee machines, lockers and chairs - all marked sold. A bright red display shelf stood empty and abandoned. Sale price: \$100. "What a shame," said Marcin Machula, 40, a trainer from Queens who was in the store over the weekend.

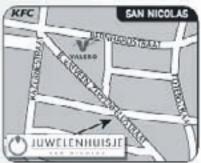
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# Even the smart money is flummoxed by this economy

By DAVID K. RANDALL **AP Business Writer** 

NEW YORK (AP) — Small investors, take note: The smart money isn't sure what to make of the economy, either. Some market strategists say the recent drop in stock prices means the market is expecting a recession. Banks like Goldman Sachs and others have lowered their yearend forecasts for the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

And Mark Zandi, the muchfollowed economist from Moody's, says the chance that the economy will fall into another recession is 40 percent. Which is to say, there's also a betterthan-even chance the U.S. economy will continue to grow, albeit slowly. That's the case Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and others have been making. This camp believes the economy will grow at a gradual pace now that gasoline prices have fallen, Japan's factories are mostly back up to speed after the earthquake and tsunami, and the debt ceiling debate is over for now.

All of these mismatched signs are leaving large investors in the lurch. Tack too hard to either safety or to risk, and there's a chance that whatever the economy is doing will make their bets go sour. With so much hanging in the balance, some money managers say they don't know what their next move will be: buy stocks, load up on bonds, or simply hoard cash and wait for the dust to settle. "We're in a no man's land," says Robert Stein, the head of Astor Asset Manageinvestments of \$1.2 billion. "As a portfolio manager, I would like to have clarity. If it's going to be a recession, we know what to do. If the economy is improving, that's even better. But the economic data that's been coming out is doing a great job of creating more question marks."

Stein slashed his stock holdinas by 50 percent in June after poor reports on economic indicators including consumer spending and new applications for unemployment benefits made him think the economy was stalling. He thought then that stocks would pick up during the last three months of the year. That's when he planned to buy, but now he's not so sure.

"We could buy again soon," he says. "But it's equally possible that we could reduce (our stock holdings) even more. We don't see a tipping point either way yet."

Stein is not alone. Confusion about the economy is one reason the stock market is the most volatile it's been since the peak of the financial crisis in 2008. The Dow Jones industrial average rose or fell by more than 100 points 16 times in August, a rate that comes to two out of every three trading days. It swung by more than 400 points for four consecutive days in the middle of the month a first in its 115-year history. Since hitting a high for the vear in April, the Dow has fallen nearly 11 percent.

What investors do know is that the economy barely grew during the first six

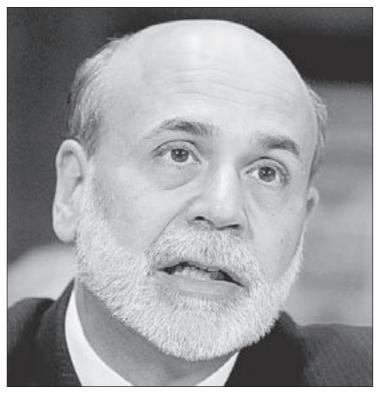
ment who is responsible for months of the year. Consumer confidence fell to its lowest level since April 2009, when the economy was still in a recession. And there was no job growth in August.

At the same time, the Federal Reserve's latest survey found that the economy grew in all 12 of its regions from mid-July to the end of August. Sales of big-ticket items like cars increased from the same time last

Some money managers say the economic picture is muddled now because there are so many important issues that aren't settled. Europe's economies continue to battle slow growth and lingering debt problems. If Greece or another country were to default, it would likely throw the European Union into a financial crisis. That would directly impact U.S. companies, which rely on Europe for about 20 percent of their exports.

It's not much clearer at home. Investors are waiting to see whether Congress can pass any legislation to bring the unemployment rate down from 9.1 percent, and if the so-called super committee can agree on \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts before the end of the year. Wil Stith, fixed income manager at MTB mutual funds, says that he thinks the economy will continue to grow at an annual rate of less than 2 percent. He's buying corporate bonds because he thinks they provide attractive yields.

But he is still concerned that Europe or the U.S. economy could falter soon.



In this Sept. 30, 2010 file photo, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The last time the Federal Reserve came up with a big plan to help the economy, it totaled \$600 billion and touched off a 28 percent rally in the stock market. But if the Fed takes any new steps, as many people expect, it won't look anything like that. Look for small ball, not a home run. "Operation Twist," as Fed-watchers are already calling it, in a nod to economic history, probably will help the economy and the stock market.

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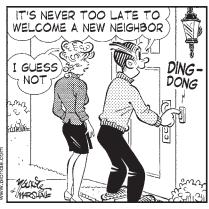




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# Today In History ()

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Today is Monday, September 19, the 262nd day of 2011. There are 103 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1356 - The English under Edward, the Black Prince, defeat the French at Poitiers and take King John II prisoner

1656 - English fleet under Blake captures Robert Spanish treasure ships off Cadiz, Spain.

1777 - Americans defeat a British force at the First Battle of Saratoga, a turning point in the American War of Independence.

1783 - At Versailles near Paris, the Montgolfier brothers send up the first balloon with live passengers: a sheep, a rooster, and a duck.

1870 - French surrender Versailles to Germans in Franco-Prussian War.

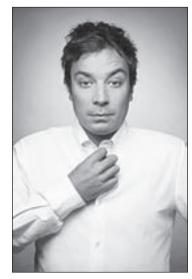
1881 - James A. Garfield, the 20th president of the United States, dies of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

1941 - Germans take Kiev in the Soviet Union.

1944 - Soviet Union and Finland sign peace treaty in Moscow, ending threevear war.

1951 - U.S. troops go to Maranhao State, northern Brazil, to prevent a civil war between Governor Eugenio de Barros' forces and his opponents led by Raimundo Bastos, who has a force of 12,000 insurgents.

1955 - Argentina's President Juan Peron is ousted after revolts by army and navy. 1959 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, on a visit to Los Angeles, reportedly becomes furious when in-



Today is Jimmy Fallon's birthday

formed that he can't visit Disneyland for security rea-

1962 - China attacks Indian forces, seizing part of Kashmir after a three-week war. 1968 - Czech Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek resigns under Soviet pressure.

1972 - Israeli diplomat is killed and another injured when letter bomb explodes at Israeli embassy in

1978 - Egypt's Cabinet unanimously approves President Anwar Sadat's Camp David agreement to sign a peace treaty with Israel within three months.

1983 - Caribbean islands St. Kitts and Nevis become independent of Britain.

1984 - China and Great Britain announce their agreement to transfer Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997; A bomb kills 14 at U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

1985 - An earthquake under the Pacific coast shakes Mexico City, killing 10,000 people.

1989 - A French airliner blows up over Niger, killing 171 people. Libya is later

blamed for the explosion. 1992 - Dr. Nigel Cox is convicted of attempted murder in Great Britain. He administered a fatal injection to an elderly patient who asked him to help her die. 1994 - U.S. troops peacefully enter Haiti to enforce the return of exiled President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide. 1995 - An Iranian flight attendant hijacks a Kish Air Boeing 707 to Israel during a flight from Tehran. The plane is returned to Tehran with 174 passengers and crew.

1997 - A crowded passenger train collides with a freight train in west London, killing six people and injuring more than 170 others.

1999 - Foreign peacekeeping troops begin pouring into East Timor, experiencing no resistance from Indonesian troops or anti-independence militias.

2001 - Islamic clerics urge terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily, but set no deadline for him. The United States threatens to attack the Taliban, if they don't turn in bin Laden.

2002 - Israeli forces demolish 20 buildings and other structures in Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat's headauarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah after Palestinian suicide attacks kill seven Israelis.

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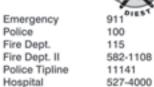
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In this September 2011 photo released by Systematics Lab, Delhi University, a Wayanad night frog sits in the forests of the Western Ghats in Kerala. The Wayanad night frog grows to about the size of a baseball or cricket ball.

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# Scientists discover 12 new frog species in India

KATY DAIGLE
Associated Press

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — Years of combing tropical mountain forests, shining flashlights under rocks and listening for croaks in the night have paid off for a team of Indian scientists that has discovered 12 new frog species plus three others thought to have been extinct.

It's a find the team hopes will bring attention to India's amphibians and their role in gauging the health of the environment.

Worldwide, 32 percent of the world's known amphibian species are threatened with extinction, largely because of habitat loss or pollution, according to the group Global Wildlife Conservation.

"Frogs are extremely important indicators not just of climate change, but also pollutants in the environment," said the project's lead scientist, biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju of the University of Delhi.

Many of the newly found frogs in India are rare and are living in just a single area, so they will need rigorous habitat protection, Biju told The Associated Press on Saturday.

"Unfortunately in India, conservation has basically focused on the two most charismatic animals — the elephant and the tiger. For amphibians there is little interest, little funding, and frog research is not easy."

Night frogs are extremely hard to find, coming out only at dark and during the monsoon season, living either in fast-flowing streams or on moist forest ground.

Biju said he and his student

researchers had to sit in dark, damp forests listening for frog sounds and shining flashlights under rocks and across riverbeds.

They confirmed the new species by description as well as genetics.

The 12 new species include the meowing night frog, whose croak sounds more like a cat's call, the jog night frog, unique in that both the males and females watch over the eggs, and the Wayanad night frog, which grows to about the size of a baseball or cricket ball

"It's almost like a monster in the forest floor, a huge animal for afrog, leaping from one rock to another," Biju said

Three other species were rediscovered, including the Coorg night frog described 91 years ago, after scientists "had completely ignored these animals, thinking they were lost."

The discoveries — published in the latest issue of international taxonomy journal Zootaxa — bring the known number of frogs in India to 336.

Biju estimated this was only around half of what is in the wild, and said none of India's amphibians are yet being studied for biological compounds that could be of further use in science.

"We first have to find the species, know them and protect them, so that we can study them for their clinical importance," he said.

Biju is credited with discovering dozens of new Indian frog species during his 35-year career.





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### Lebanon film wins Toronto festival fans' award

TORONTO (AP) — "Where Do We Go Now?" a bittersweet comedy set in wartorn Lebanon, bested two well-received entries star"I'm thrilled, I'm happy, I'm ecstatic, I'm excited — my day that had just started on the wrong foot because of a flight cancellation has

King's Speech," went on to take four Oscars, including best picture, and the 2008 people's choice winner, "Slumdog Millionaire," took



TIFF programmer Thom Powers, left, poses with the Cadillac Peoples Choice Documentary Award collected in place of Director Jon Shenk for the film "The Island President," TIFF programer for African and Middle Eastern cinema Rasha Salti, middle, poses with the Cadillac Peoples Choice Award which she collected for director Nadine Labaki for her film "Where Do We Go Now" Gareth Evans, right, pose with his the Cadillac People's Choice Midnight Madness Award for that he won for his film "The Raid" during the closing brunch of the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, Sunday Sept. 18, 2011.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Aaron Vincent Elkaim)

ring George Clooney to win the people's choice award Sunday at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The Cadillac People's Choice award, which also includes a C\$15,000 cash prize, is voted on by festival audiences and has typically been regarded as a bell-wether for Oscar success.

Lebanese-Canadian director-actress Nadine Labaki's feminist film about village women bent on keeping their hotheaded men out of a religious war was chosen earlier this month as Lebanon's 2011 entry in the best foreign language film category for the Academy Awards.

Labaki, who also stars in the film, was traveling in Europe when she heard the news, which was announced Sunday at a closing brunch for the 11-day festival. Festival programmer Rasha Salti accepted the award on the filmmaker's behalf, reading a statement sent by Labaki from an airport in Germany.

just been turned upside down," the 37-year-old Labaki said in her statement. "I'm running around jumping up and down at the Frankfurt airport. Tomorrow we'll be screening 'Where Do We Go Now?' for the first time in Lebanon and I will be proud and happy to announce the news in front of my crew, my family and the Lebanese audience." Festival director Piers Handling noted it was a surprise triumph for a film that was overshadowed by heavily promoted, star-studded Hollywood films. These included Clooney's two films, "The Descendants" and "The Ides of March."

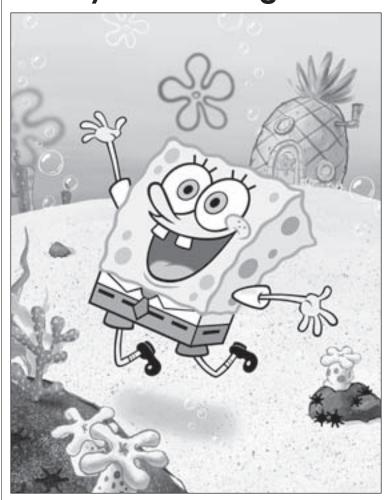
"We have some very, very high-profile films here at the festival and ones that a lot of people are talking about and I'm sure will go on to awards," said Handling. "But Nadine's film obviously connected with the public in a significant way because it was a clear, clear winner."Last year's fans' pick, "The

best picture and seven other Oscars. Quebec director Philippe Falardeau's "Monsieur Lazhar," about an Algerian schoolteacher in Quebec and his relationship with two students, won the award for best Canadian feature and a C\$30,000 prize.The best first Canadian feature award, which includes a C\$15,000 prize, went to director Nathan Morlando's period piece "Edwin Boyd," starring Scott Speedman as the notorious Canadian bank robber.

"Where Do We Go Now?" garnered rave reviews at this year's Cannes Film Festival, where it screened on the margins of the official competition.

It follows Labaki's feature "Caramel," a sweet love story set in a Beirut beauty salon, which was Lebanon's entry for the 2007 best foreign language film Oscar.Set in a remote village where the church and the mosque stand side by side, "Where Do We Go Now?"

# Nickelodeon taking 'Day of Play' to Washington



Nickelodeon shows a scene from the animated show "SpongeBob SauarePants."

(AP Photo/Nickelodeon, File)

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Nickelodeon's eight-yearold Worldwide Day of Play is going big time this year. On Saturday, Nickelodeon, the children's television network, will for the first time take its annual event to Washington. To be held on the Ellipse, this year's day of games and activities will bring together more than two dozen of the network's stars and characters, and will include a concert by the boy band Big Time Rush, stars of the Nickelodeon series of the same name. The move to Washington stemmed from conversations Nickelodeon had with "Let's Move," the initiative led by Michelle Obama, the first lady, said Cyma Zarghami, president, Nickelodeon Networks.

On the day of the event, Nickelodeon and its website will go dark for three hours to encourage children to take part in physical activities. Obama is expected to symbolically flip the switch sending the network offline and off-air. She has been featured on Nickelodeon recently promoting the day and the Mil-

lion PALA Challenge. PALA, for Presidential Active Lifestyle Award, is an initiative of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. Children can earn the award by participating in 60 minutes of physical activity, five days a week for six weeks. The Nickelodeon event, meanwhile, is prominently featured on http:// www.fitness.gov/.The event is expected to cost Nickelodeon \$8 million to \$10 million and draw as many as 50,000 people, some of them probably attending in part to see athletes such as NBA stars Carmelo Anthony, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. Nickelodeon's dozens of other partners for the event include NFL Play 60 and Major League Baseball. About 5,000 people attended last year's Worldwide Day of Play, in New York's Riverside Park.

Zarghami said the move to Washington was not related to the federal government's campaign to get the food industry, including some Nickelodeon advertisers, to restrict how it markets to children and teenagers.

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### Anuba\_TODAY

# Trade teen pop to meld R&B and dance music

JON CARAMANICA © 2011 New York Times

"Good luck, Demi" was trending on Twitter in New York Saturday night as Demi Lovato – singer, actress, former Disney spark plug, meltdown survivor - sang the morbid power ballad "Skyscraper" at the Hammerstein Ballroom: "Would it make you feel better/ To watch me while I bleed?"

Lovato is a force on Twitter, a human trending topic, thanks to the Lovatics, as her legions of fans are called. She made a show of stopping a few bars into "Skyscraper," her current single, to give them a pep talk. "A year ago, I was not in a good place, and I needed help," she said. "There are so many beautiful airls in this audience that don't know that they're beautiful, and they are." She then thanked them for "being there for me every single day when I was away."

Lovato also thanks the women of the treatment center Timberline Knolls where she was "away" to address her bulimia and

Lovato is well suited for. She's long been the least musically predictable of her Disney class, which also includes the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus. Her albums – "Don't Forget" from 2008, and especially "Here We Go Again," released

several slates, something than her previous albums; she's traded her teen-pop shackles for another kind, giving herself over to the recent melding of R&B and dance music. She collaborates with Jason Deruo, Iyaz and Dev, some of the most toothless singers working that intersection, and on

the messages about maturity were muddled. Before "Hold Up," she was stroked lustily by one of her backup dancers; the crowd, full of teen and pre-teen Lovatics, shrieked. But during "Who's That Boy," she was separated from the male dancers by scrims that read as



Demi Lovato, the American singer, performs at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York. Lovato performed in support of her third album "Unbroken," which will be released on Tuesday less than eight months after she left rehab and one month after her 19th birthday

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)



Demi Lovato, the American singer, performs at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York, Sept. 17, (Chad Batka/The New York Times)

cutting, among other things – in the liner notes of her third album, "Unbroken" (Hollywood), which will be released Tuesday, less than eight monthsafter she left rehab and one month after her 19th birthday.

"Unbroken" represents the opportunity to wipe clean ken" feels more restrained

the next year - were the savviest of the group's, full of biting and aggressive pop-rock.

The theory goes that Colgate-bright Disney stars have to bide their time to reveal their true selves, but if anything "Unbro-

a couple of songs with the producer Timbaland, who long ago swapped skittering hip-hop futurism for high-gloss space-pop.

These songs do give Lovato the opportunity to present herself as an adult, not just a moppet who knows too much. But at this show,

large-scale prophylactics. "You're My Only Shorty" was saccharine sweet, destined for a "Glee" cover, but on "My Love Is Like a Star," she appeared to be channeling the soul-excavation of Mary J. Blige.

And those were just the new sonas.

There was even more confusion as she moved between those and the older

Even though Lovato can pull off R&B siren, she's always seemed interested in the role of rock goddess, and here, she toggled between the two. There was a lot of hair tossing on "Remember December" and "All Night Long." "Don't Forget" suggested Lovato may have a future fronting an Evanescence-style band; "Got Dynamite" was loud, undistinguished, driving rock with slurry guitars; "La La Land" recalled No Doubt; and "Get Back" was a neat distillation of the military-grade pop-punk that elevated her above her Disney peers.

### 3-D 'Lion King' feels the love

CHRISTY LEMIRE. **AP Movie Writer** LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's 1994 all over again, with a re-release of "The Lion King" opening at the top of the box office.

A 3-D version of the wildly popular Disney animated musical earned a surprising \$29.3 million in its first weekend in theaters, according to Sunday estimates. The original film made more than \$40 million when it opened nationwide 17 years ago.

This huge number stunned many people, including the folks at Disney, who figured "The Lion King" would make somewhere between \$10 million and \$12 million, said Dave Hollis, the studio's executive vice president of distribution.

He said the movie remains relevant and as entertaining as it was when it first came out.

"But taking a page from the movie, there is a 'circle of life' thing happening," he said, referring to one of the film's themes. "You have children of the '90s who are now parents of the 2010s and they themselves are taking their kids to share what was, for them, a great experience two decades ago."

It also helps that there aren't many options for families at the multiplex right now, said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood. com.

"The post-summer period brings a preponderance of R-rated films and more challenging, esoteric, Oscar-caliber fare." he said. "For kids this is like a dream come true and for parents to be able to revisit 'The Lion King' especially in 3-D, even though 3-D has taken a bad rap over the past year — just tells you the power that this movie has, how strong it resonates with people."

# **From The New York Times**

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# Free to die



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by Ronald Reagan.

Back in 1980, just as America was making its political turn to the right, Milton Friedman lent his voice to the change with the famous TV series "Free to Choose." In episode after episode, the genial economist identified laissezfaire economics with personal choice and empowerment, an upbeat vision that would be echoed and amplified

But that was then. Today, "free to choose" has become "free to die."

I'm referring, as you might guess, to what happened during Monday's GOP presidential debate. CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked Rep. Ron Paul what we should do if a 30-year-old man who chose not to purchase health insurance suddenly found himself in need of six months of intensive care. Paul replied, "That's what freedom is all about – taking your own risks." Blitzer pressed him again, asking whether "society should just let him die."

And the crowd erupted with cheers and shouts of "Yeah!"

The incident highlighted something that I don't think most political commentators have fully absorbed: At this point, American politics is fundamentally about different moral visions.

Now, there are two things you should know about the Blitzer-Paul exchange. The first is that after the crowd weighed in, Paul basically tried to evade the question, asserting that warm-hearted doctors and charitable individuals would always make sure that people received the care they needed — or at least they would if they hadn't been corrupted by the welfare state. Sorry, but that's a fantasy. People who can't afford essential medical care often fail to get it, and always have — and sometimes they die as a result.

The second is that very few of those who die from lack of medical care look like Blitzer's hypothetical individual who could and should have bought insurance. In reality, most uninsured Americans either have low incomes and cannot afford insurance, or are rejected by insurers because they have chronic conditions.

So would people on the right be willing to let those who are uninsured through no fault of their own die from lack of care? The answer, based on recent history, is a resounding "Yeah!" Think, in particular, of the children.

The day after the debate, the Census Bureau released its latest estimates on income, poverty and health insurance. The overall picture was terrible: The weak economy continues to wreak

havoc on American lives. One relatively bright spot, however, was health care for children: The percentage of children without health coverage was lower in 2010 than before the recession, largely thanks to the 2009 expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP.

And the reason SCHIP was expanded in 2009 but not earlier was, of course, that former President George W. Bush blocked earlier attempts to cover more children – to the cheers of many on the right. Did I mention that one in six children in Texas lacks health insurance, the second-highest rate in the nation? So the freedom to die extends, in practice, to children and the unlucky as well as the improvident. And the right's embrace of that notion signals an important shift in the nature of American politics.

In the past, conservatives accepted the need for a government-provided safety net on humanitarian grounds. Don't take it from me, take it from Friedrich Hayek, the conservative intellectual hero, who specifically declared in "The Road to Serfdom" his support for "a comprehensive system of social insurance" to protect citizens against "the common hazards of life," and singled out health in particular.

Given the agreed-upon desirability of protecting citizens against the worst, the question then became one of costs and benefits – and health care was one of those areas where even conservatives used to be willing to accept government intervention in the name of compassion, given the clear evidence that covering the uninsured would not, in fact, cost very much money. As many observers have pointed out, the Obama health care plan was largely based on past Republican plans, and is virtually identical to Mitt Romney's health reform in Massachusetts.

Now, however, compassion is out of fashion – indeed, lack of compassion has become a matter of principle, at least among the GOP's base.

And what this means is that modern conservatism is actually a deeply radical movement, one that is hostile to the kind of society we've had for the past three generations – that is, a society that, acting through the government, tries to mitigate some of the "common hazards of life" through such programs as Social Security, unemployment insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

Are voters ready to embrace such a radical rejection of the kind of America we've all grown up in? I guess we'll find out next year.



# Killing jobs and making us sick



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"In January, Mr. Obama signed a food safety law that provides broad new authority to the Food and Drug Administration," Robert Pear wrote in Friday's Times, in an article about the congressional appropriations mess. But House Republicans, he added, had voted "to cut the agency's budget."

Well, yes, in a nutshell, that is the sad story of the food safety law – the first major change in how the government regulates food safety in more than 70 years. But the way the Republicans have dealt with its funding represents more than appropriations problems. It also represents the way they've allowed their unyielding anti-tax, anti-spend ideology to get in the way of common sense – and the common good.

A few weeks ago, in describing the absurd lawsuit the National Labor Relations Board brought against Boeing – for the crime of opening a plant in nonunion South Carolina – I characterized the NLRB's effort as a case study in how Democrats hurt job creation. In that column I promised to return with an equally absurd Republican example. The refusal to properly fund the new food safety law is exactly that.

For years, the food industry and consumer groups have been aligned on the need to modernize the nation's food safety inspection system. "Foodborne illnesses" – an outbreak of salmonella or E. coli, for instance – are a problem not just for consumers but for industry as well. Recalls are expensive. Sales shrink, even for companies not involved in the recall. Lawsuits ensue. Employees lose their jobs. It can take years to recover from a food scare.

FDA inspections have always been geared toward domestic foodstuffs. But food is now a global industry. "Today," said Scott Faber, a vice president of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, "we combine ingredients from hundreds of thousands of suppliers in over 200 countries." Government's food inspection has not kept page.

The result was a bill, the Food Safety Modernization Act, had contours the whose approval of both industry and groups like the Center for Science in the Public Interest. It called for an overhaul of the inspection process and applied tough new standards on food processors, food importers and foreign suppliers. The agency was required to do more foreign inspections and use approved foreign governments or thirdparty auditors for importers. It had other important provisions to help prevent outbreaks of food-borne illnesses - and to track them down more quickly when they did occur.

As for paying for this overhaul, the bill included an eminently sensible mechanism: a fee on the industry. Originally set at \$2,000 per food facility, it was whittled down to \$500, which still would have raised an impressive \$300 million. In 2009, when the bill came to a House vote, it passed with bipartisan support; even Michele Bachmann voted for it. In the Senate, however, with its ever-present threat of Republican filibuster, the fee never had a chance. Never mind that many of the biggest industry players supported the fee. Indeed, many in

industry wanted the fee. To the Republicans, "fee" was code for "tax." When the Senate finally passed the bill in late 2010, the fee was gone.

There's more. When President Barack Obama submitted his 2012 budget to Congress, he asked for \$955 million for food safety, a \$120 million increase. The increase was necessary, of course, because without the fee, the FDA was going to be hard-pressed as it began the expensive process of changing how it inspected food.

Needless to say, that increase never had a chance either. With the House firmly in Republican hands, it slashed the agency's food budget by \$87 million, to \$750 million. That was a staggering \$200 million less than the White House had requested, an amount so low that it will make the FDA's already difficult task nearly impossible.

Then again, the chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on agriculture, Jack Kingston of Georgia, doesn't really seem to think food safety is worth worrying about; he's on record saying that the nation's food supply is "99.99 percent safe." He told The Washington Post last year that the amount of money the agency wanted to fund the new law would be scaled back if it was "significant overreach." Apparently he thought it was significant overreach.

A few weeks ago, the Senate voted to increase funding just \$40 million, which still leaves the FDA short. With so much chaos surrounding the appropriations process, it is impossible to know how this will play out. To put it another way, as the FDA starts to carry out the new law, and industry prepares for it, there is no certainty. This, of course, is exactly what Republicans complain about when they say the Obama administration is hurting job creation.

There is certainty about one thing, though. The next time there is an E. coli outbreak, we'll know who to blame.

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# Mulberry brings English seaside to Fashion Week

SYLVIA HUI Associated Press LONDON (AP) — What's an English beach holiday without rain?

With giant ice-cream cones, hundreds of animal balloons and plenty of raincoats in sherbet colors, luxury English brand Mulberry kicked off day three of London Fashion Week Sunday with a whimsical catwalk show that evoked a soggy English family vacation in the 1970s.

"I have photos of my family in our macs at the beach, eating fish and chips in the pouring rain," creative director Emma Hill told The Associated Press. "It's just very English." at London's elegant Claridge's hotel, which drew model Kate Moss and "Twilight" actress Kristen Stewart to its front row.

The carnival vibe was set with an entrance hall lined floor to ceiling with hundreds of carousel animal balloons and human-size plastic ice-cream cones.

Models with big, green-streaked blond hair sauntered down the catwalk in sporty layers and practical clothes — macs, wind breakers, hoodies, shorts and thermal leggings — in a palette of sandy tones and candy colors. Sunny lemon sherbet and candy pink were prominent, and there was even a "lollipop"

glamor

Mulberry is best-known for its luxury leather bags, which have been seen on the arms of the Duchess of Cambridge, Emma Watson and TV presenter Alexa Chung, among others.

For the new season, the brand continued to offer its classic signature styles as well as updated, trendier models in neon-yellow patent leather and animal prints.

Despite the gloomy economy, Mulberry has seen big profit and share price jumps in the past year, and recently celebrated the brand's 40th birthday with much fanfare with a party in New York, where it



A model presents an outfit by House of Dereon by Beyonce and Tina Knowles, featuring both the Autum-Winter and Summer 2011 collections, in London, during London Fashion week, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jonathan Short)

Mulberry's show was followed Sunday by spring and summer 2012 collections by Paul Smith, Unique by Topshop, Marios Schwab and Matthew Williamson. American designer Tom Ford also presented his latest womenswear in London for the second season in a row, although he kept the collection a mystery to most journalists — only a selection of magazine editors were invited to the presentation

The day began with Mulberry's retro, kitschy show

dress" with wide horizontal stripes of green, yellow and pink.One dress had a print of plastic zebras, leopards and giraffes, echoing the animal balloons that greeted quests at the entrance. The second half of the collection punctuated the casual daywear with gold and navy blue party dresses and baseball jackets covered in oversized gemstones garments inspired by the bright neon signs at seaside pier rides, Hill said. Flowy, sheer pleated maxi dresses also injected femininity and opened its first U.S. flagship store.

Hill said that the brand will continue to focus its branding on selling "Englishness" — not through overt symbols like the Union Jack, but in styles marked by an irreverent and quirky English attitude.

"It's a bit bonkers, a bit out there," she said.

As in previous shows, dogs were prominent at the collection, with about a dozen of the animals taking front row seats with their owners.



A model wears a creation by designer Matthew Williamson at a fashion show, in London, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)



A model presents a creation by fashion house Mulberry from their Spring/Summer 2012 collection during London Fashion Week, in London Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011.

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